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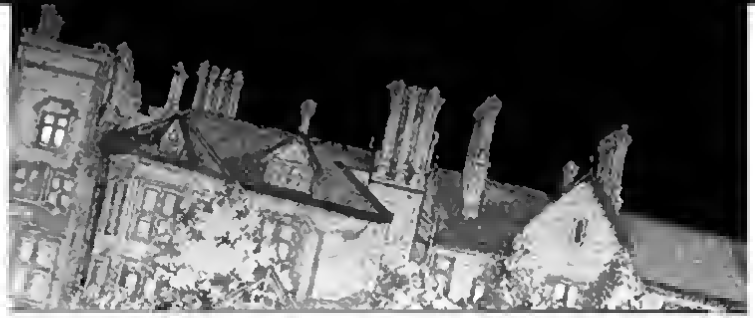
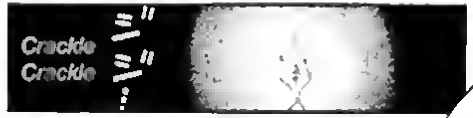
So I hear that you'll be debuting during the next social season, Miss Payne.
Let me know, and I'm sure that I can help you choose the perfect dress.
After all, according to my friends, I have the best sense in what will suit someone...
...even with the most worthless things!

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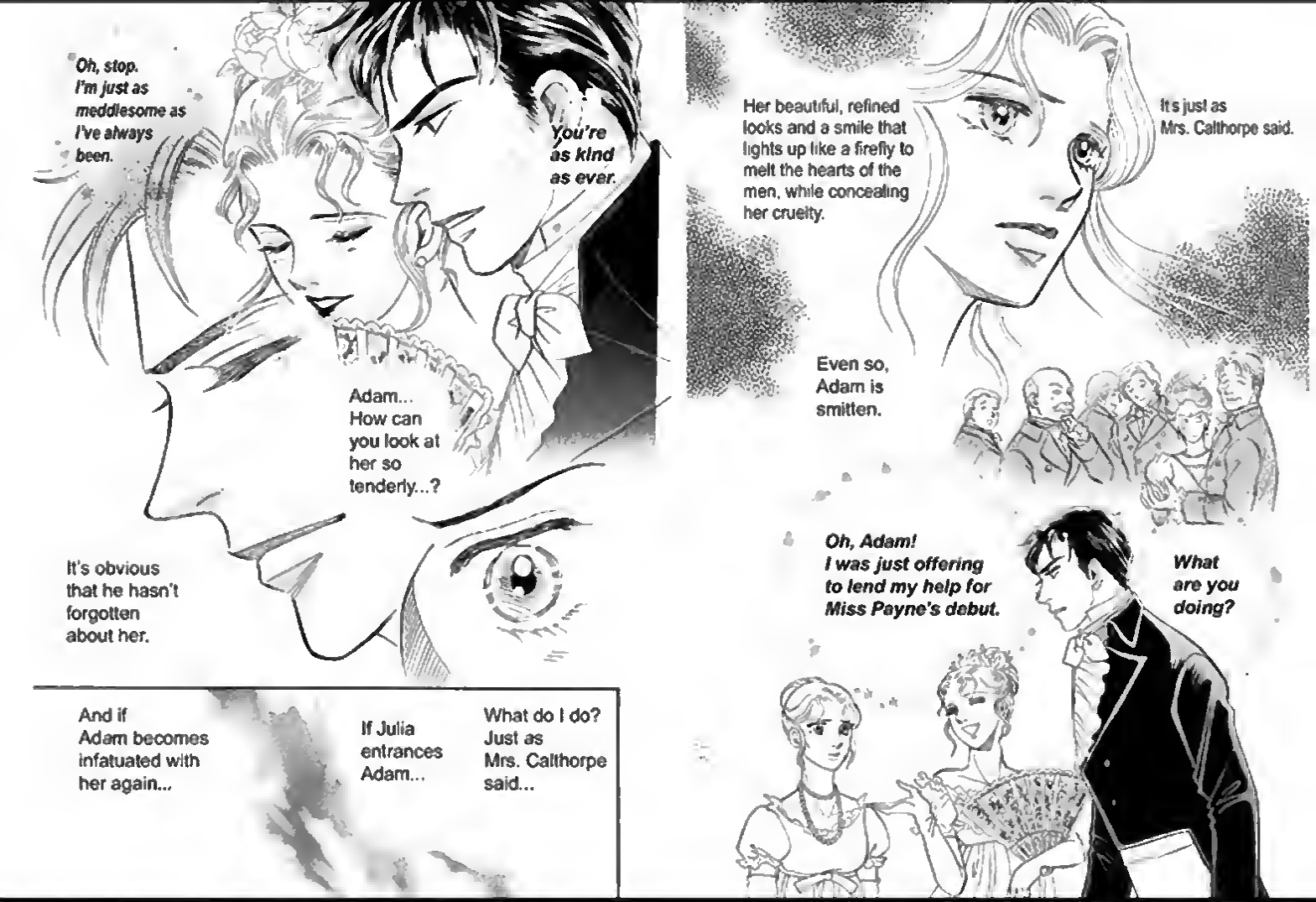
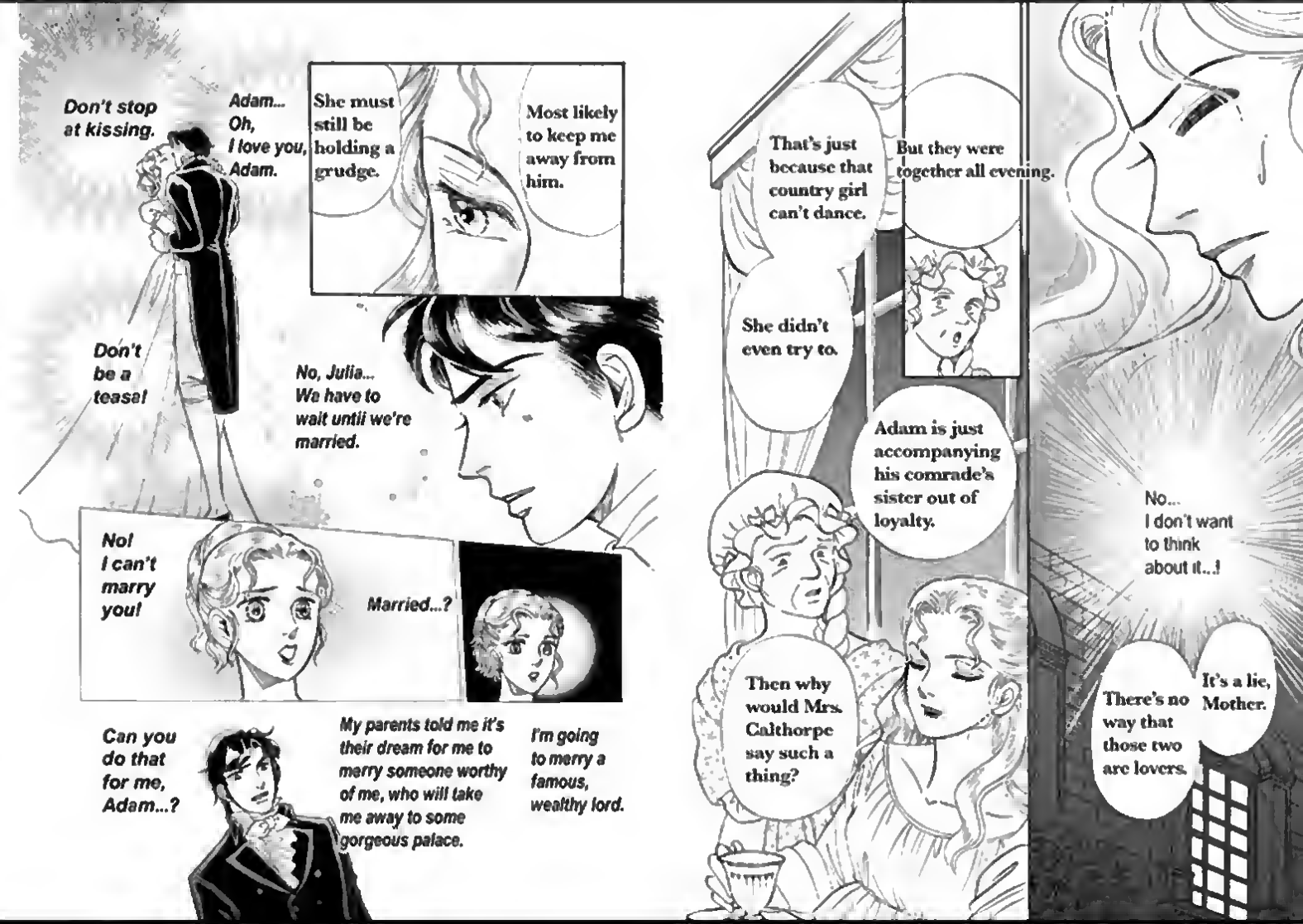
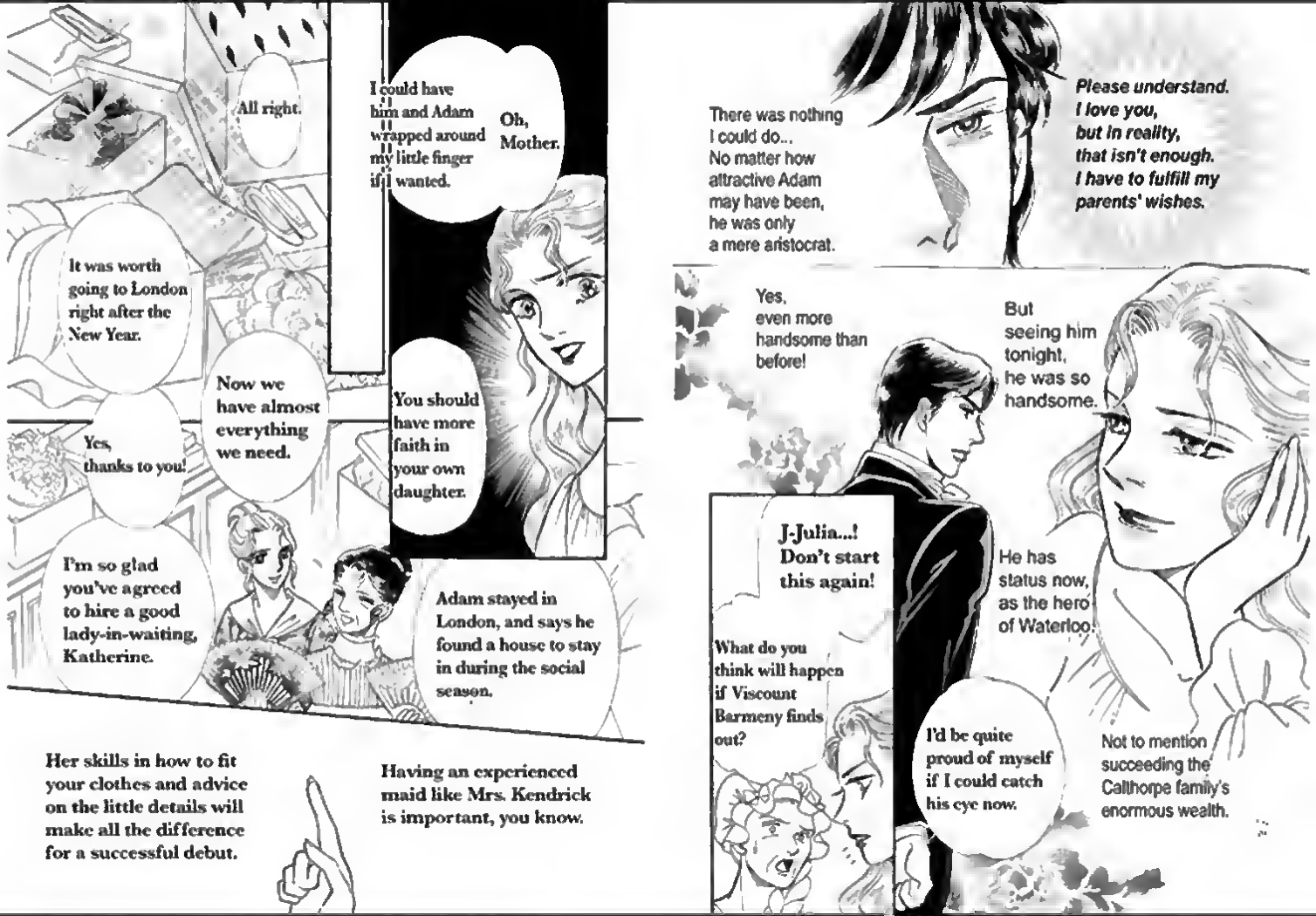
Mrs. Viscount Barmeny, Julia Redshaw.

I can't believe that someone like her actually exists.

She must not like that I'm staying so close to Adam
Her words are like poison.

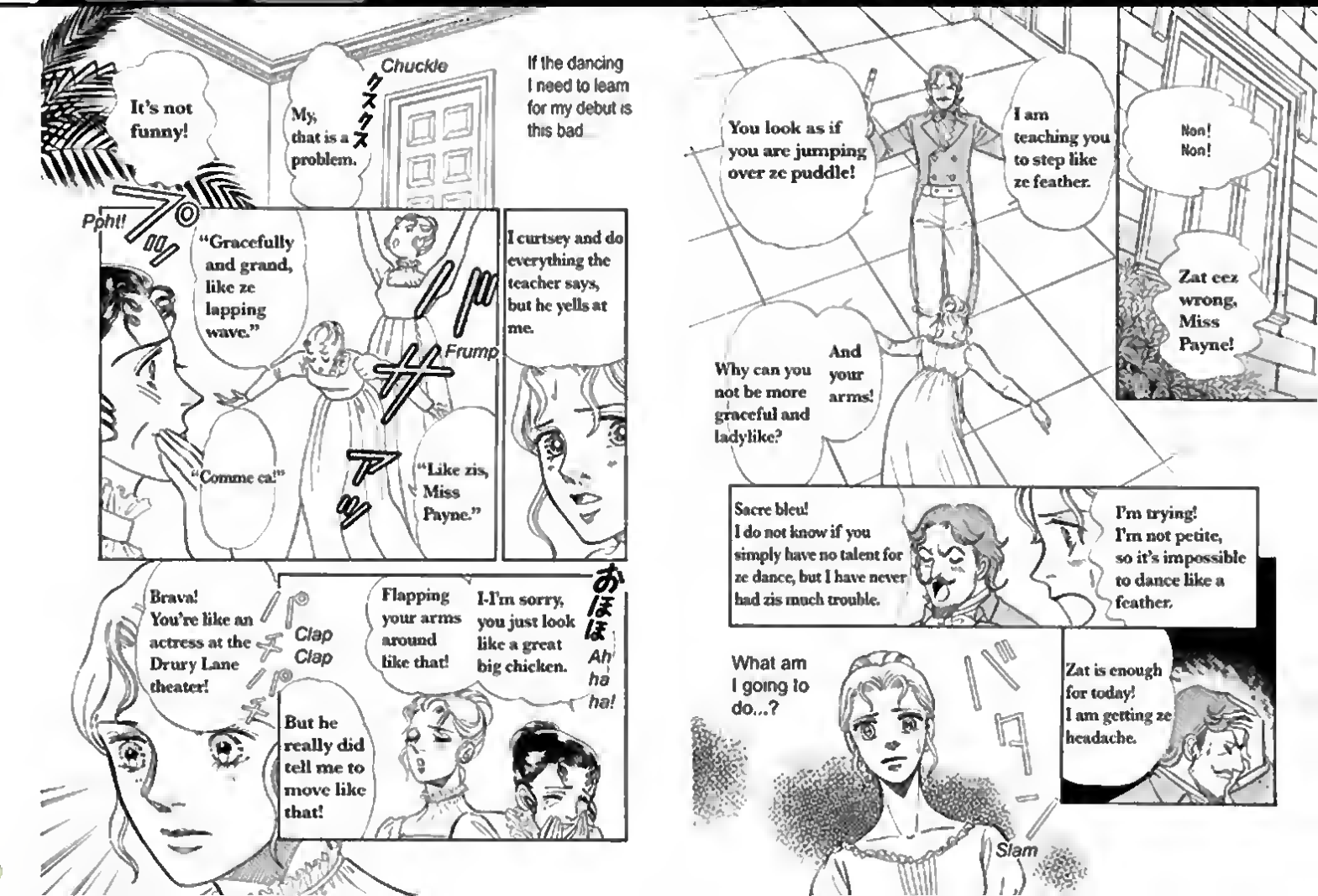

Oh, stop. I'm just as meddlesome as I've always been.
You're as kind as ever.
Adam... How can you look at her so tenderly...?
It's obvious that he hasn't forgotten about her.
And if Adam becomes infatuated with her again...
If Julia entrances Adam...
What do I do? Just as Mrs. Calthorpe said...
Her beautiful, refined looks and a smile that lights up like a firefly to melt the hearts of the men, while concealing her cruelty.
It's just as Mrs. Calthorpe said.
Even so, Adam is smitten.
Oh, Adam! I was just offering to lend my help for Miss Payne's debut.
What are you doing?


Don't stop at kissing.
Adam... Oh, I love you, Adam.
She must still be holding a grudge.
Most likely to keep me away from him.
Don't be a tease!
No, Julia... We have to wait until we're married.
No! I can't marry you!
Married...?
Can you do that for me, Adam...?
My parents told me it's their dream for me to marry someone worthy of me, who will take me away to some gorgeous palace.
I'm going to marry a famous, wealthy lord.
That's just because that country girl can't dance.
But they were together all evening.
She didn't even try to.
Adam is just accompanying his comrade's sister out of loyalty.
Then why would Mrs. Calthorpe say such a thing?
No... I don't want to think about it...!
There's no way that those two are lovers.
It's a lie, Mother.


All right.
I could have him and Adam wrapped around my little finger if I wanted.
Oh, Mother.
It was worth going to London right after the New Year.
Now we have almost everything we need.
You should have more faith in your own daughter.
Yes, thanks to you!
I'm so glad you've agreed to hire a good lady-in-waiting, Katherine.
Adam stayed in London, and says he found a house to stay in during the social season.
Her skills in how to fit your clothes and advice on the little details will make all the difference for a successful debut.
Having an experienced maid like Mrs. Kendrick is important, you know.
There was nothing I could do... No matter how attractive Adam may have been, he was only a mere aristocrat.
Please understand. I love you, but in reality, that isn't enough. I have to fulfill my parents' wishes.
Yes, even more handsome than before!
But seeing him tonight, he was so handsome.
J-Julia...! Don't start this again!
What do you think will happen if Viscount Barmeny finds out?
He has status now, as the hero of Waterloo.
I'd be quite proud of myself if I could catch his eye now.
Not to mention succeeding the Calthorpe family's enormous wealth.

I won't let it end with me being treated like a doormat.
...Not as long as I have this chance.
Until I can make Adam see me differently.
I'll refine myself as much as possible.

If I have to be a debutante, I may as well embrace the challenge.
I've just tried to change my way of thinking.
After all...
...must mean that you're finally starting to want to have a successful debut.
I suppose the fact you spent so much money on hiring her...
It's not that...
I'll have nothing to fight back with
...and Julia tries to steal Adam away...
If I don't have any appeal as a lady...
Those eyes filled with unforgettable indignation.
It was those eyes...


It's not funny!
Chuckle
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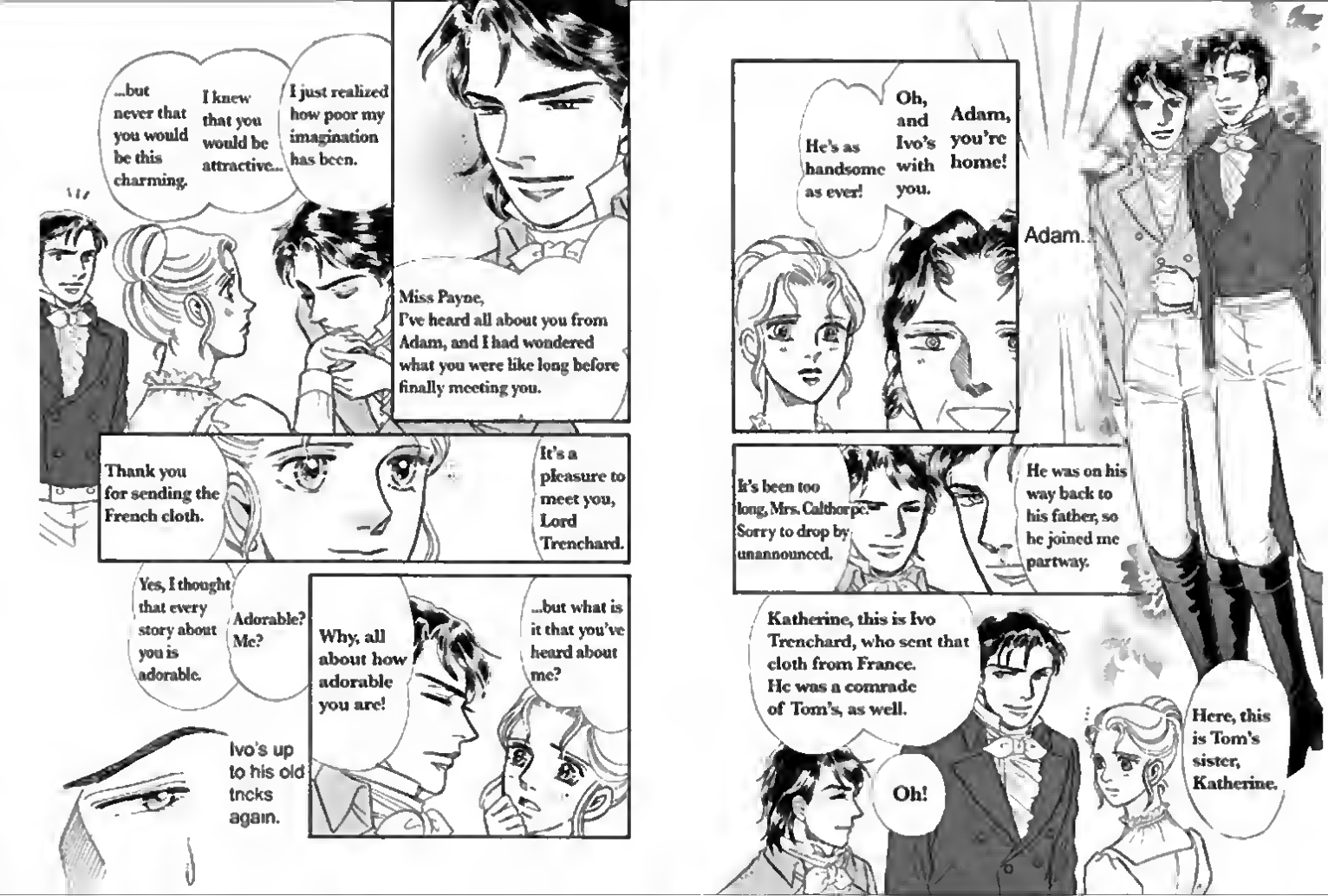
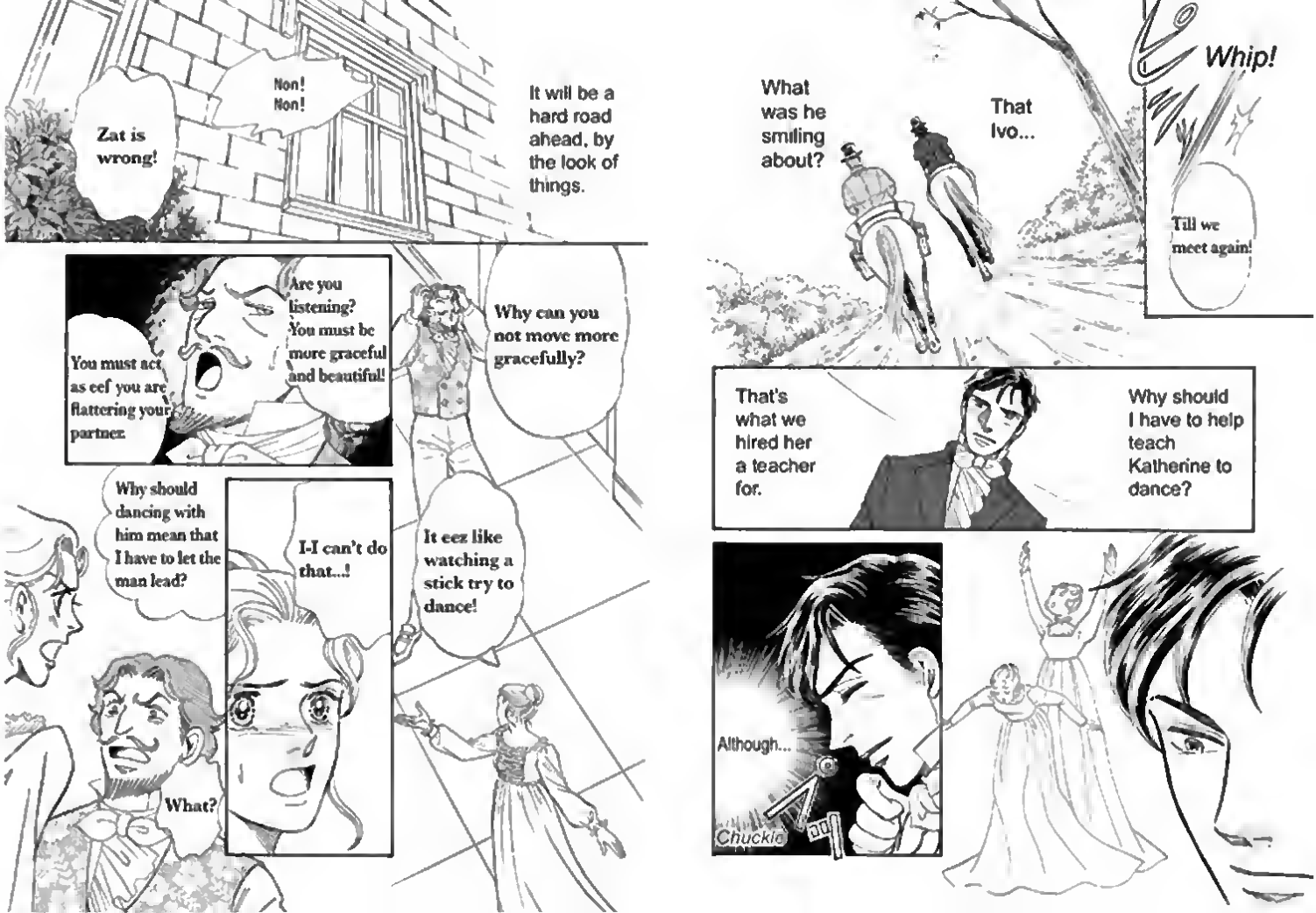
My, that is a problem.
If the dancing I need to learn for my debut is this bad...
Pph!!
"Gracefully and grand, like ze lapping wave."
Frump
"Comme ca!"
"Like zis, Miss Payne."
I curtsey and do everything the teacher says, but he yells at me.
Bravo! You're like an actress at the Drury Lane theater!
Clap Clap
But he really did tell me to move like that!
Flapping your arms around like that!
I-I'm sorry, you just look like a great big chicken.
おほほ
Ah ha ha!
You look as if you are jumping over ze puddle!
I am teaching you to step like ze feather.
Non! Non!
Zat eez wrong, Miss Payne!
Why can you not be more graceful and ladylike?
And your arms!
Sacre bleu! I do not know if you simply have no talent for ze dance, but I have never had zis much trouble.
I'm trying! I'm not petite, so it's impossible to dance like a feather.
What am I going to do...?
Zat is enough for today! I am getting ze headache.
Slam


...but never that you would be this charming.
I knew that you would be attractive...
I just realized how poor my imagination has been.
Miss Payne, I've heard all about you from Adam, and I had wondered what you were like long before finally meeting you.
Thank you for sending the French cloth.
It's a pleasure to meet you, Lord Trenchard.
Yes, I thought that every story about you is adorable.
Adorable? Me?
Why, all about how adorable you are!
...but what is it that you've heard about me?
Ivo's up to his old tricks again.
He's as handsome as ever!
Oh, and Ivo's with you.
Adam, you're home!
Adam...
It's been too long, Mrs. Calthorpe. Sorry to drop by unannounced.
He was on his way back to his father, so he joined me partway.
Katherine, this is Ivo Trenchard, who sent that cloth from France. He was a comrade of Tom's, as well.
Oh!
Here, this is Tom's sister, Katherine.

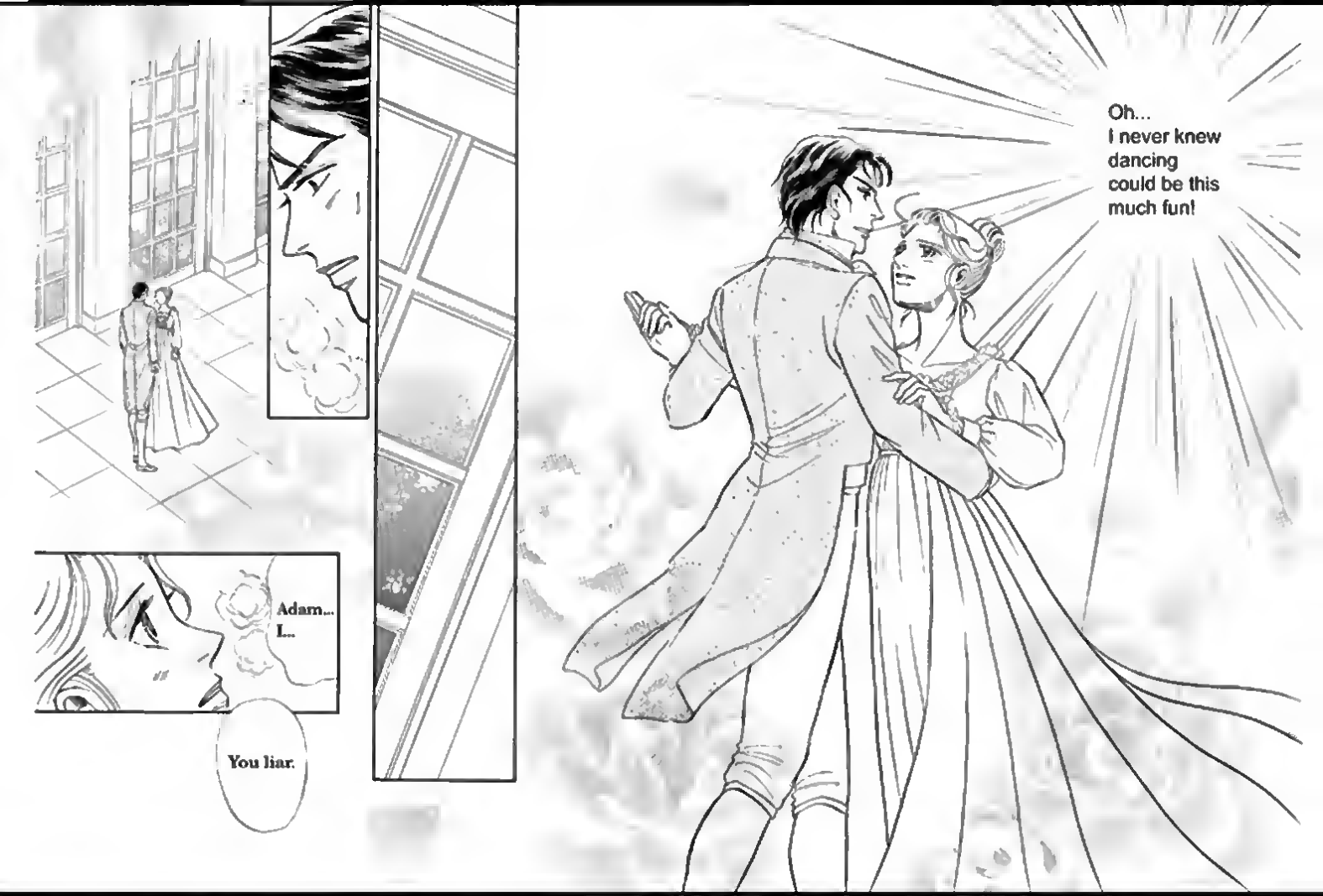
Oh! Already?
Anyway, I must be going.
Yes, I'd like to reach my father's by tomorrow.
Katherine, debut into court society successfully?
I'd never even considered it.
Thank you, Lord Trenchard. I'm not very good at dancing yet, but I'll try to improve by then.
Promise you'll save me a dance.
I wish you the best of luck with your debut, Katherine.
Smile
I'm sure he'll help you.
You have the dancing master who was called "Jumping Calthorpe" on your side.
I'm sure that you'll be fine.
Well... It seems you're looking after her very well.
Smile
Katherine hasn't debuted yet, Ivo.
Wonderful? That stubborn shrew?
Yes. Am I wrong?
Not to worry. I was just expressing what I was feeling about meeting such a wonderful lady.
She isn't just another girl for you to tease!
I admire someone who would work so hard, bumping into every obstacle, just to be noticed.
Most of the high society ladies are as beautiful as dolls and pretend to be weak to win men over.
Miss Payne will come to be highly regarded as a diamond in the rough.
Just wait until her debut.


Zat is wrong!
Non! Non!
It will be a hard road ahead, by the look of things.
You must act as eef you are flattering your partner.
Are you listening? You must be more graceful and beautiful!
Why can you not move more gracefully?
Why should dancing with him mean that I have to let the man lead?
I-I can't do that...!
It eez like watching a stick try to dance!
What?
What was he smiling about?
That Ivo...
Whip!
Till we meet again!
That's what we hired her a teacher for.
Why should I have to help teach Katherine to dance?
Although...
Chuckle

I will say good day, Monsieur.
Don't worry. You'll receive your fee, as promised.
I-I was not going to give up...
But...!
Er...
It would seem I was wrong to believe your reputation as the best teacher there is.
A-Adam...
Why?
SLAM
I see. If you're having that much trouble...
I never would have agreed to teach you, if I knew how hopeless zees would be!
What are you saying? I have never met a girl who was zis stubborn!
But...!
Perhaps you should quit immediately.
L-Lord Calthorpe!
Adam...!

It's all right, Katherine.
I can be your dance teacher, if it's all right with you.
Adam?
But...
What was I thinking?
Without a teacher, I won't be ready in time for the debutante season!
So you wanted to keep tolerating a teacher who thinks of you like that?
It will be impossible to find a new one now!
I only came to see her progress.
I just couldn't watch her taking his abuse..
...and acted without thinking.

Acting out the slow steps of the waltz...
The world begins to spin with his smooth leading.
As light...
...as the wind.
All right, Katherine?
Dancing is one of the basic skills for a lady. Don't over-think it.
If you can remember a few steps to begin with...
...you lose yourself in the movement of your body to the music.
Now relax.
I promise not to bite, so let my arm guide your body.


Adam... I...
You liar.
Oh... I never knew dancing could be this much fun!

It's like a dream...
Adam is kissing me.
You're quite the dancer!
Even though I'm not blonde-haired and blue-eyed, like Julia...
Flap Flap
Gasp!
Well done!
Good girl, Katherine.
FWOOSH
All my strength is falling away. I feel like I'm going to collapse.
Oh...

When I first started, Lady Abernacy was only a minor presence in the court society.

After waiting for her last contract to expire...

The new maid I hired arrived, as if to be his replacement.

M-My... That's very impressive...

I, Mrs. Kendrick, made it happen.

When I finished, she was the most popular aristocratic lady in England.

I have to make myself even more ladylike...

...or Adam will never notice me!

1 week later, Adam left for the territories

Thank you...

I'm sure that I can teach you all of the steps before I have to leave in a week.

At this rate, you'll be fine.

Monsieur Edward must have been a terrible teacher...

...if he couldn't discover your wonderful talent for dancing.

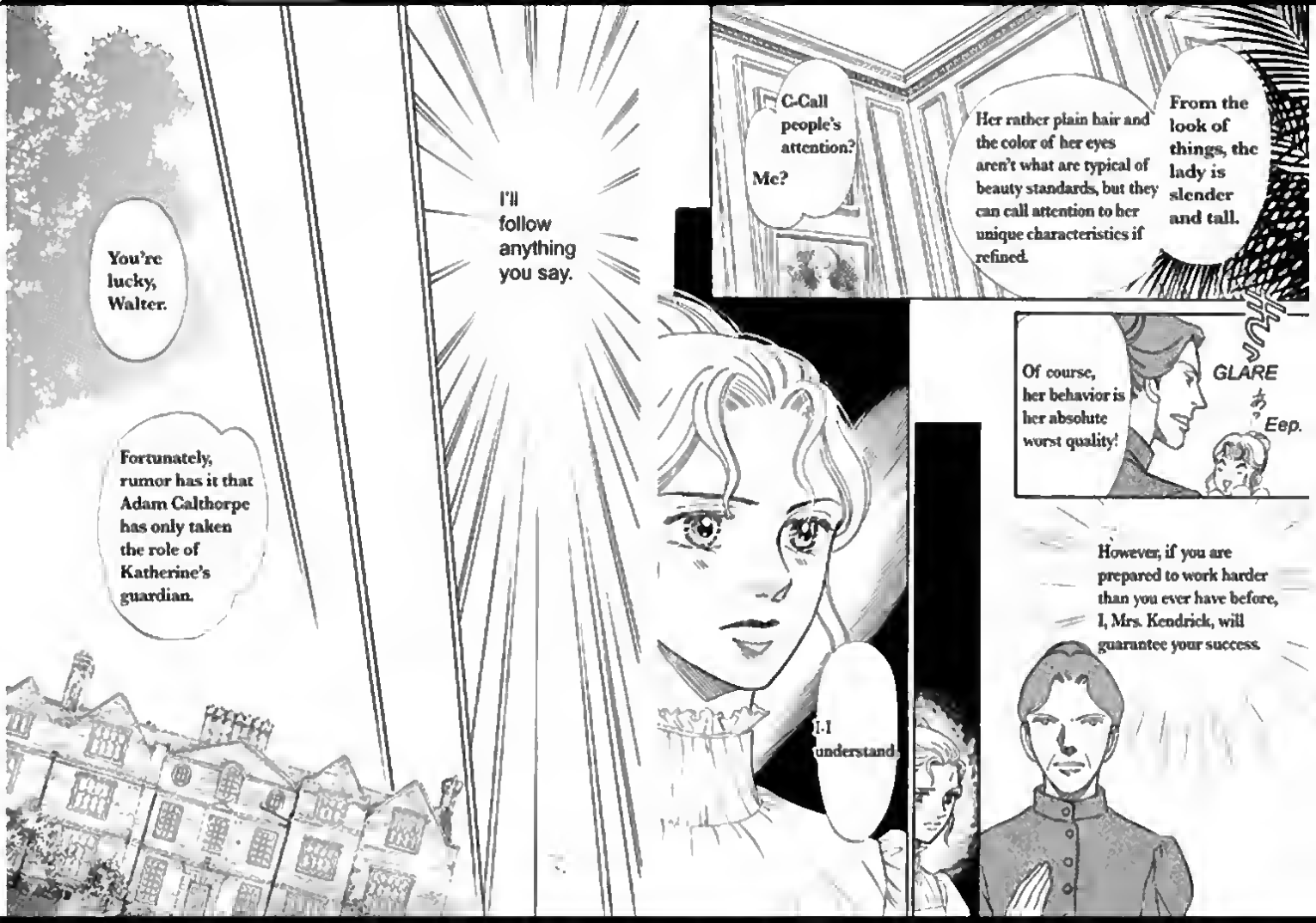
Yes, on a tour of the new territories with the marquis. The debutante season will begin about the time I return.

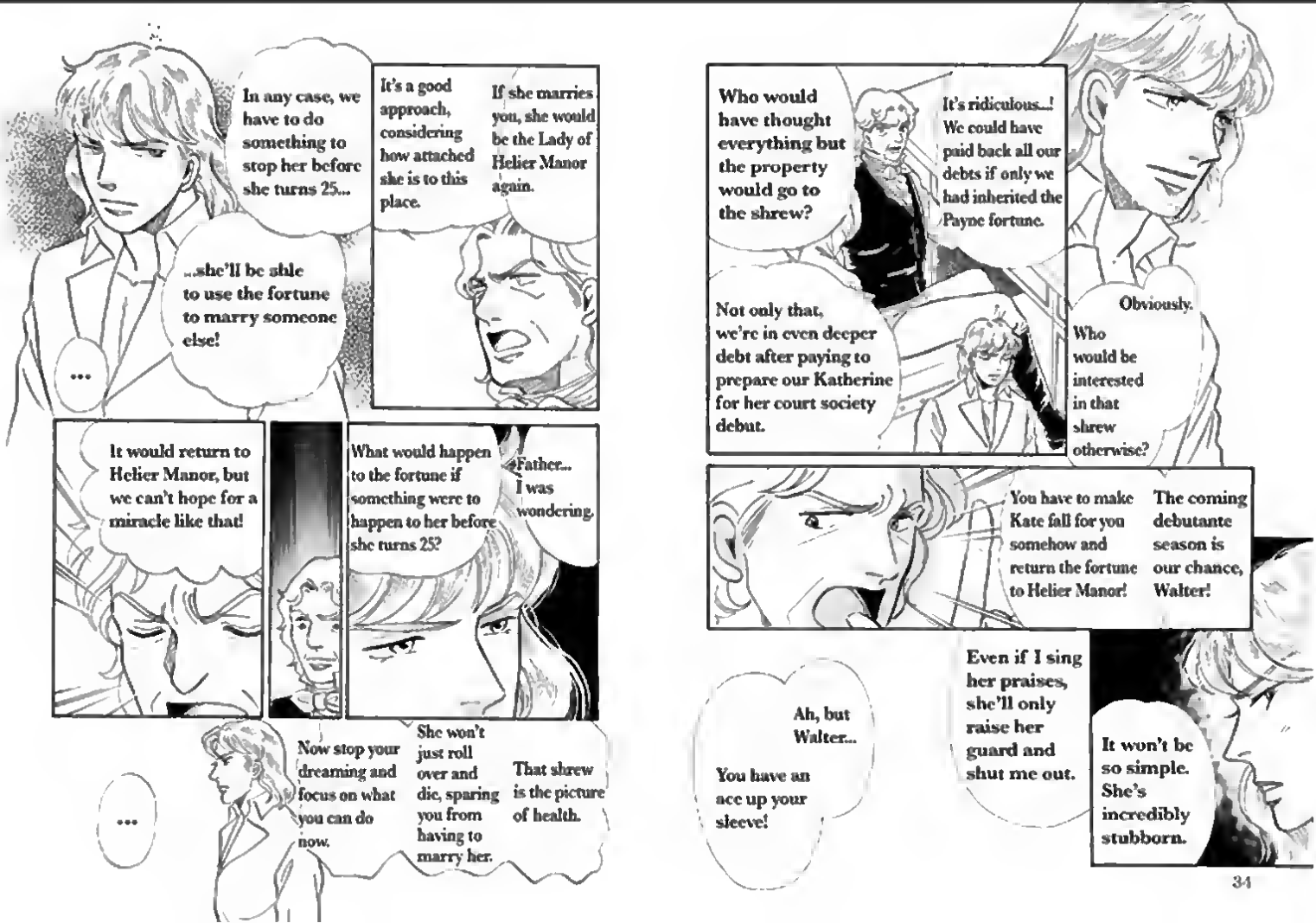
You're leaving again?

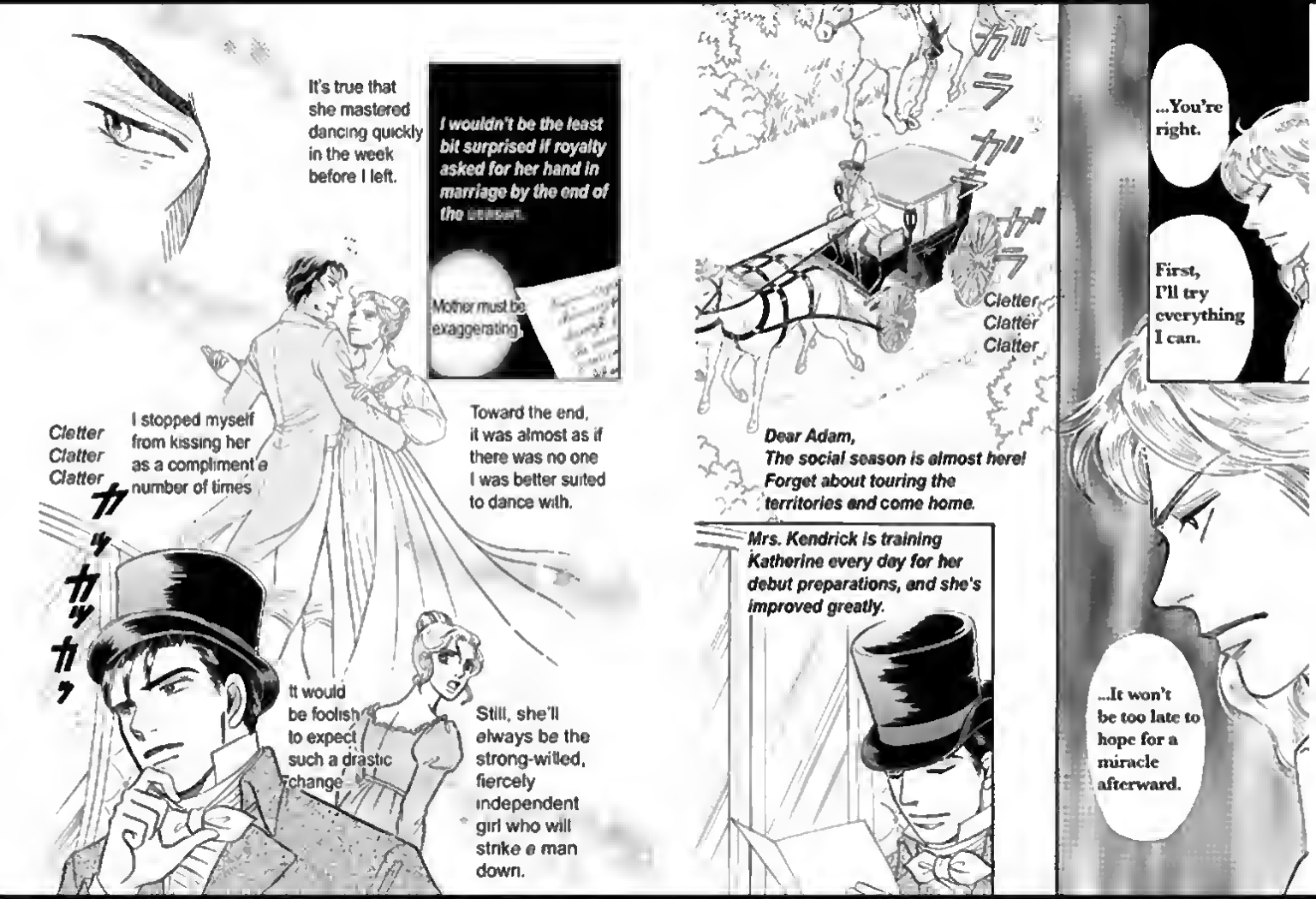
I see...

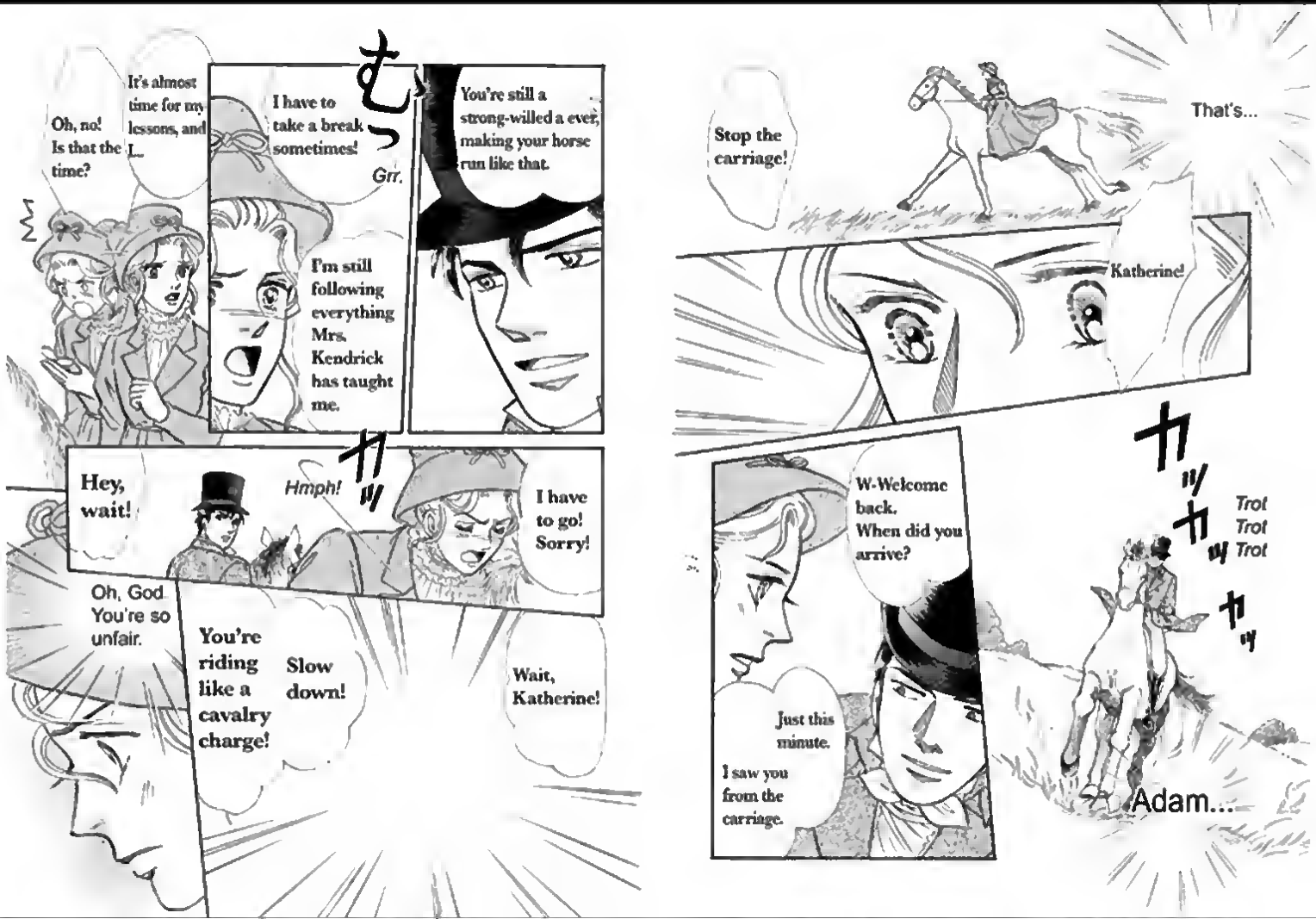
To him, it was just like a kiss of praise to a child or a sibling.

Stupid, Katherine What were you expecting?


You're lucky, Walter.
Fortunately, rumor has it that Adam Calthorpe has only taken the role of Katherine's guardian.
I'll follow anything you say.
C-Call people's attention? Me?
Her rather plain hair and the color of her eyes aren't what are typical of beauty standards, but they can call attention to her unique characteristics if refined.
From the look of things, the lady is slender and tall.
I-I understand.
Of course, her behavior is her absolute worst quality!
GLARE
Eep.
However, if you are prepared to work harder than you ever have before, I, Mrs. Kendrick, will guarantee your success.


In any case, we have to do something to stop her before she turns 25...
...she'll be able to use the fortune to marry someone else!
...
It's a good approach, considering how attached she is to this place.
If she marries you, she would be the Lady of Helier Manor again.
It would return to Helier Manor, but we can't hope for a miracle like that!
What would happen to the fortune if something were to happen to her before she turns 25?
Father... I was wondering,
...
Now stop your dreaming and focus on what you can do now.
She won't just roll over and die, sparing you from having to marry her.
That shrew is the picture of health.
Who would have thought everything but the property would go to the shrew?
It's ridiculous...! We could have paid back all our debts if only we had inherited the Payne fortune.
Not only that, we're in even deeper debt after paying to prepare our Katherine for her court society debut.
Obviously. Who would be interested in that shrew otherwise?
You have to make Kate fall for you somehow and return the fortune to Helier Manor!
The coming debutante season is our chance, Walter!
Ah, but Walter...
You have an ace up your sleeve!
Even if I sing her praises, she'll only raise her guard and shut me out.
It won't be so simple. She's incredibly stubborn.


It's true that she mastered dancing quickly in the week before I left.
I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if royalty asked for her hand in marriage by the end of the season.
Mother must be exaggerating.
Toward the end, it was almost as if there was no one I was better suited to dance with.
Cletter Clatter Clatter
I stopped myself from kissing her as a compliment a number of times
カッカッカッ
It would be foolish to expect such a drastic change.
Still, she'll always be the strong-willed, fiercely independent girl who will strike a man down.
Cletter Clatter Clatter
Dear Adam,
The social season is almost here! Forget about touring the territories and come home.
Mrs. Kendrick is training Katherine every day for her debut preparations, and she's improved greatly.
...You're right.
First, I'll try everything I can.
...It won't be too late to hope for a miracle afterward.


Oh, no! Is that the time?
It's almost time for my lessons, and I...
I have to take a break sometimes!
Grr.
I'm still following everything Mrs. Kendrick has taught me.
You're still a strong-willed a ever, making your horse run like that.
Hey, wait!
Hmph!
I have to go! Sorry!
Oh, God. You're so unfair.
You're riding like a cavalry charge!
Slow down!
Wait, Katherine!
Stop the carriage!
That's...
Katherine!
W-Welcome back. When did you arrive?
Just this minute.
I saw you from the carriage.
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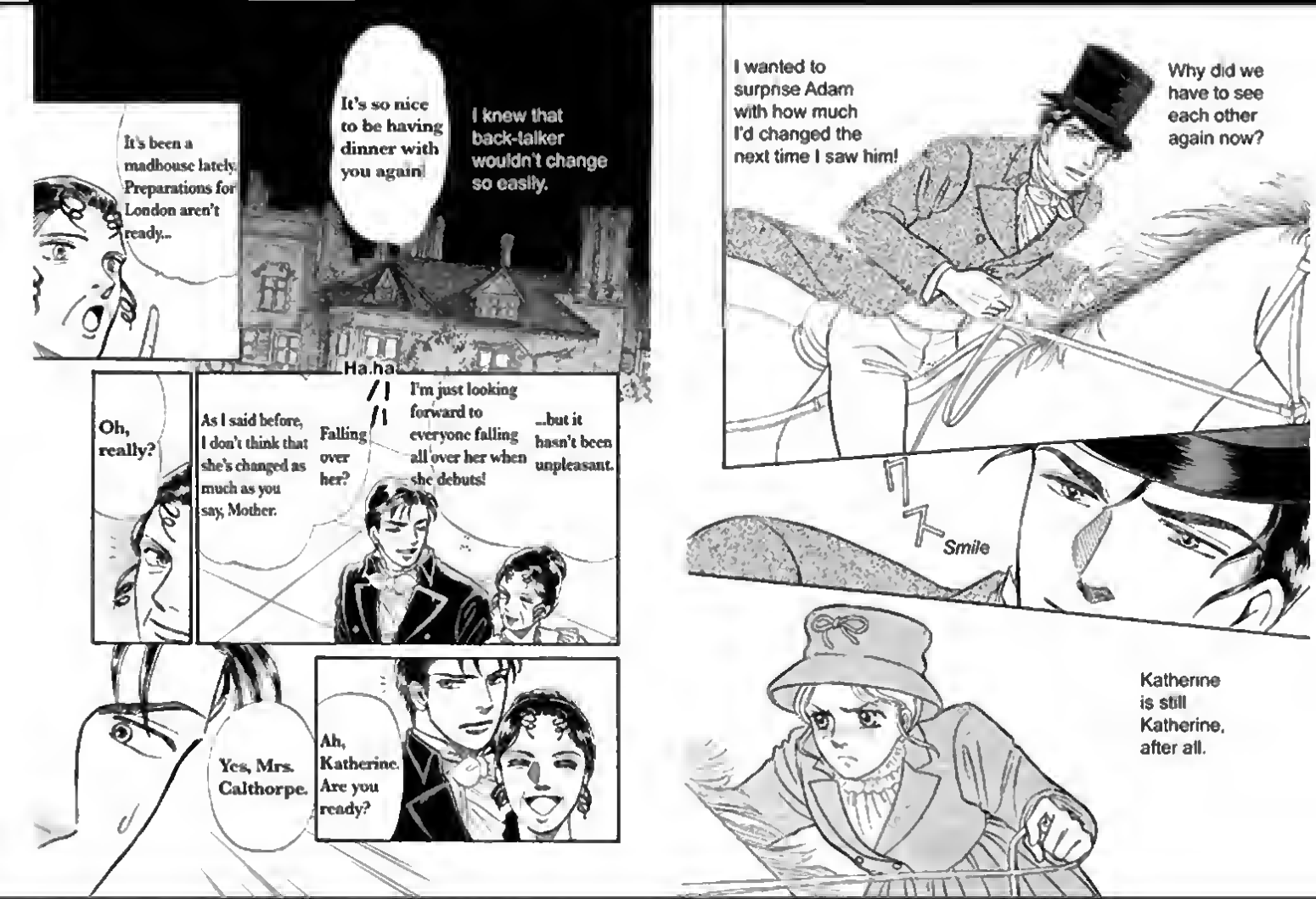
Adam...


It's been a madhouse lately. Preparations for London aren't ready...
It's so nice to be having dinner with you again!
I knew that back-talker wouldn't change so easily.
Oh, really?
As I said before, I don't think that she's changed as much as you say, Mother.
Ha.ha
Falling over her?
I'm just looking forward to everyone falling all over her when she debuts!
...but it hasn't been unpleasant.
Yes, Mrs. Calthorpe.
Ah, Katherine. Are you ready?
I wanted to surprise Adam with how much I'd changed the next time I saw him!
Why did we have to see each other again now?
Smile
Katherine is still Katherine, after all.

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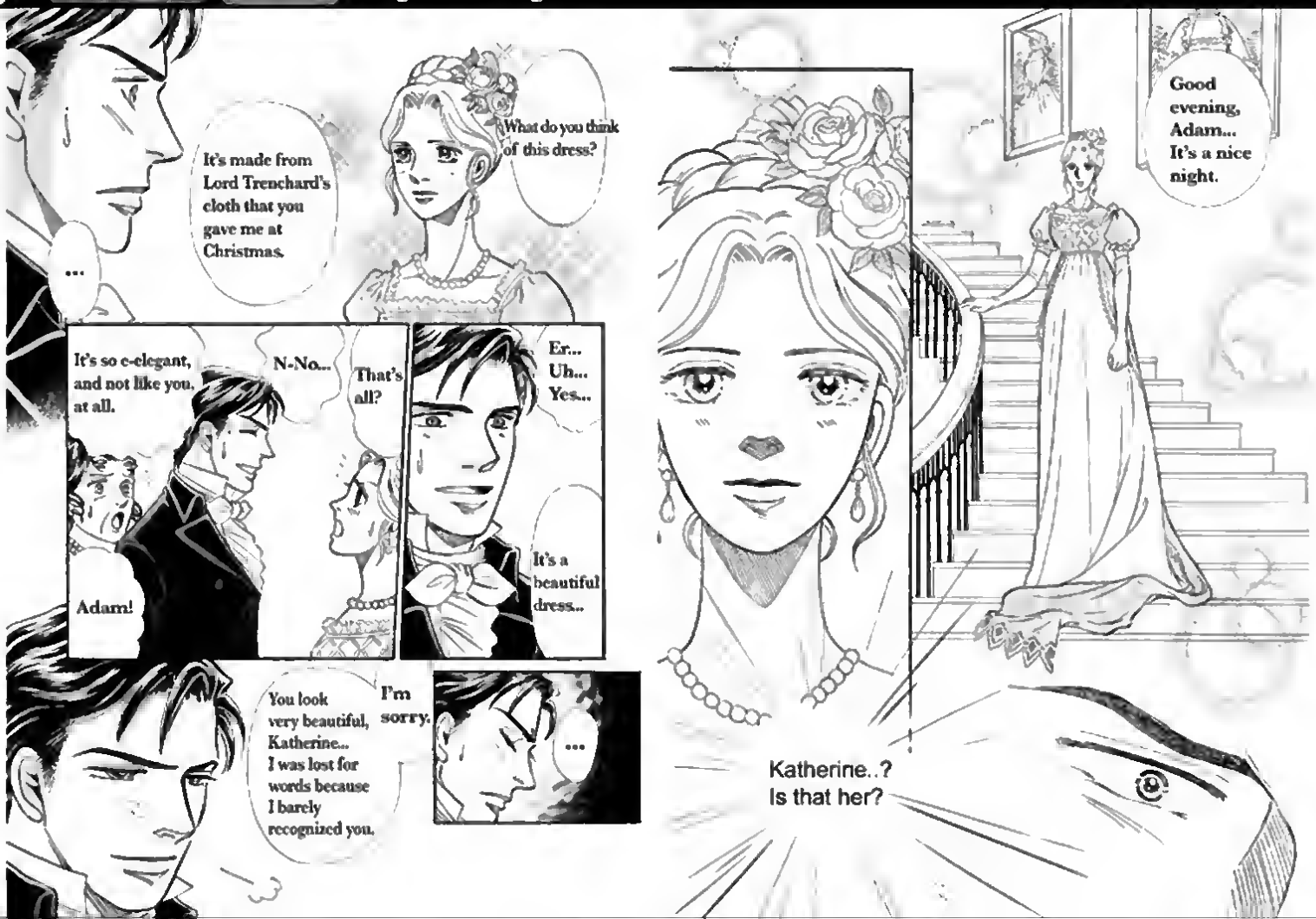
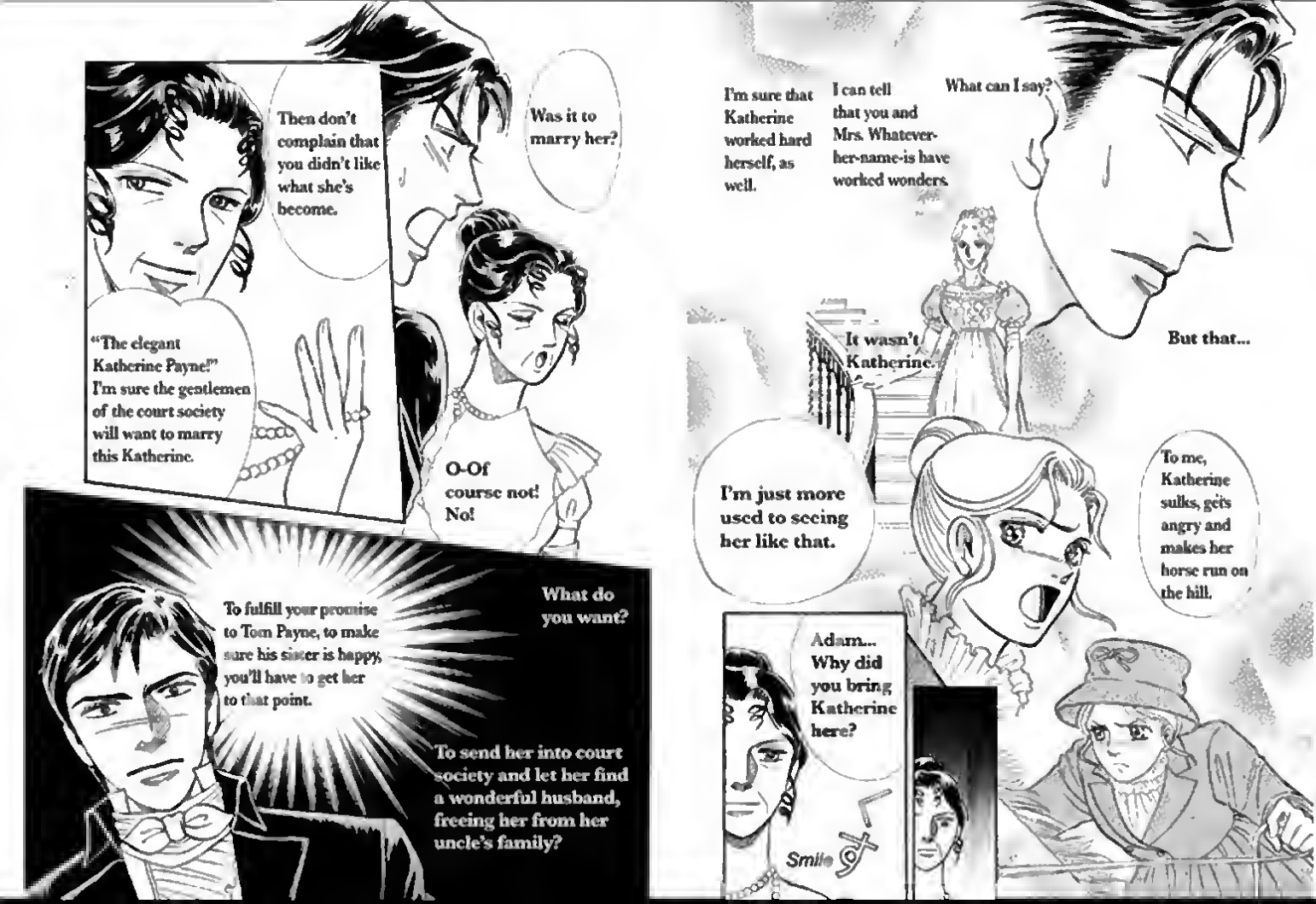
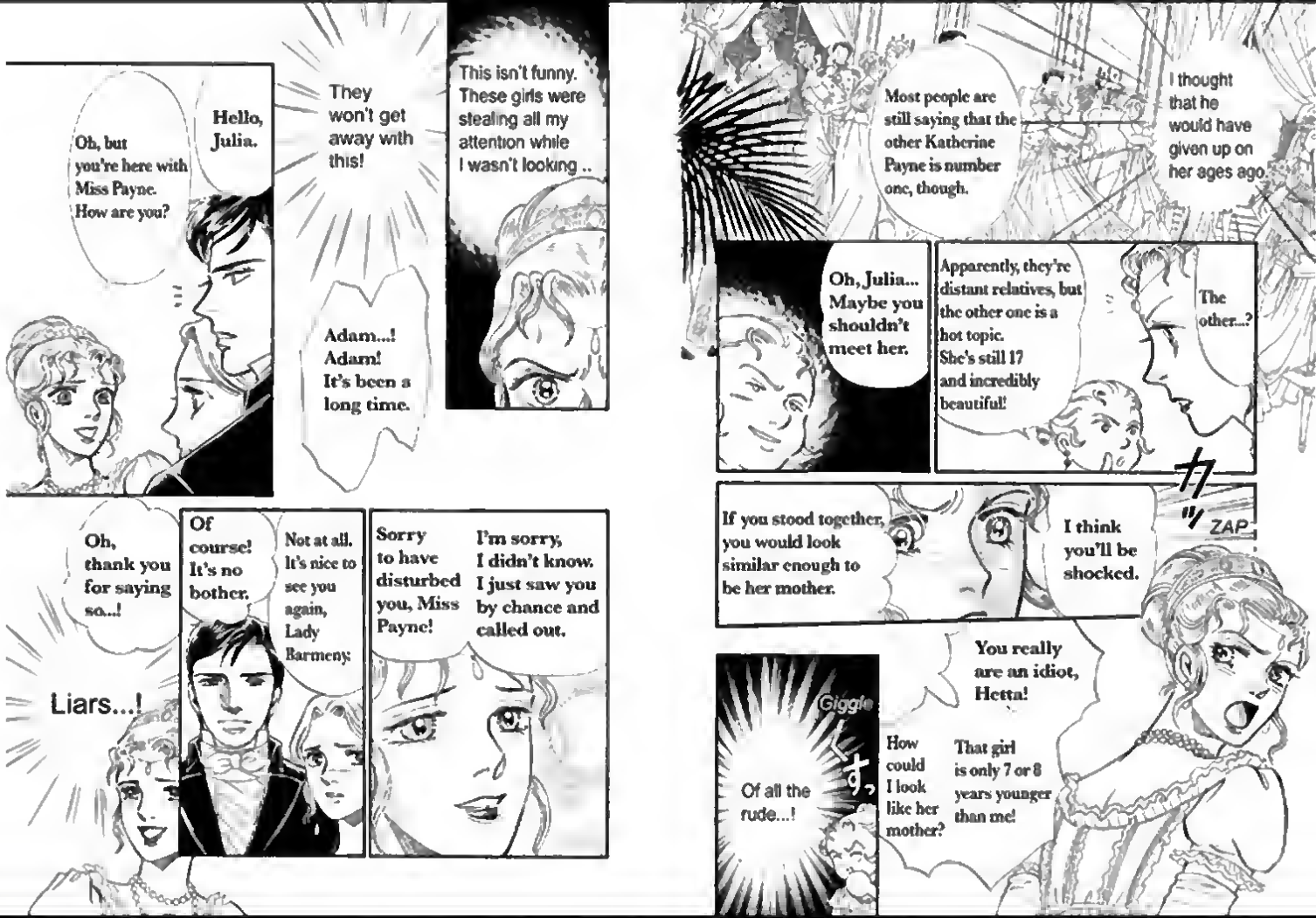

...
It's made from Lord Trenchard's cloth that you gave me at Christmas.
What do you think of this dress?
It's so e-elegant, and not like you, at all.
N-No...
That's all?
Adam!
Er... Uh... Yes...
It's a beautiful dress...
You look very beautiful, Katherine... I was lost for words because I barely recognized you.
I'm sorry.
...
Good evening, Adam... It's a nice night.
Katherine..? Is that her?

Why did you act like that?
Katherine is probably so disappointed.
You should have complimented her more!
...
The poor thing... She's been training under Mrs. Kendrick's strict guidance without rest for a whole month.
I just...
It was like she wasn't herself, and I...
No matter how hard I try, will Adam never notice me...?
You're impossible.
Oh, Adam!
Adam...
Now, let's go into the dining room, my ladies.
I thought he would be more excited.
...and trained as hard as I could to become ladylike.
That's why I followed Mrs. Kendrick's every word all month.


Then don't complain that you didn't like what she's become.
Was it to marry her?
"The elegant Katherine Payne!" I'm sure the gentlemen of the court society will want to marry this Katherine.
O-Of course not! No!
What do you want?
To fulfill your promise to Tom Payne, to make sure his sister is happy, you'll have to get her to that point.
To send her into court society and let her find a wonderful husband, freeing her from her uncle's family?
I'm sure that Katherine worked hard herself, as well.
I can tell that you and Mrs. Whatever-her-name-is have worked wonders.
What can I say?
But that...
It wasn't Katherine.
I'm just more used to seeing her like that.
To me, Katherine sulks, gets angry and makes her horse run on the hill.
Adam... Why did you bring Katherine here?
Smile

London
Good evening, Lady Barmeny. You're as beautiful as ever!
Hello, Lady Barmeny!
Julia, over here!
Oh, Julia!
Did you just arrive?
Everyone has been waiting for their queen of high society!
Where is Viscount Barmeny?
My husband said that crowds make him tired, and stayed at home like an infirm old man.
Oh, Hetta. It's been a while.
He asked me to stay at home with him. What a joke.
Isn't it sad? And during this season.
Wow! What a beauty!
Yes... I'm looking forward to making Adam Calthorpe mine.
Not only that, I've been looking forward to this season
No one can make me give up the joy of being complimented and spoiled by everyone.
There he is!
Adam!

They just love how unique she is.
She has a number of excited admirers already.
Katherine? That's the same country girl I met before?
She has such an open personality...
...that they say it's comfortable to be around her.
She speaks her opinions directly...
...but the way she dresses is simple and elegant, and she's a wonderful dancer.
She's a little tall...
How did Adam manage to refine that girl this much?
Some people are saying she'll win debutante of the year.
Flash
That's Katherine Payne, one of the most talked-about debutantes this season!
Oh, her?
Hetta... Who is that beautiful woman dancing with Adam?


Hello, Julia.
Oh, but you're here with Miss Payne. How are you?
They won't get away with this!
This isn't funny. These girls were stealing all my attention while I wasn't looking ..
Adam...! Adam! It's been a long time.
Oh, thank you for saying so...!
Of course! It's no bother.
Not at all. It's nice to see you again, Lady Barmeny.
Liars...!
Sorry to have disturbed you, Miss Payne!
I'm sorry, I didn't know. I just saw you by chance and called out.
Most people are still saying that the other Katherine Payne is number one, though.
I thought that he would have given up on her ages ago.
Oh, Julia... Maybe you shouldn't meet her.
Apparently, they're distant relatives, but the other one is a hot topic. She's still 17 and incredibly beautiful!
The other...?
If you stood together, you would look similar enough to be her mother.
I think you'll be shocked.
ZAP
You really are an idiot, Hetta!
How could I look like her mother?
That girl is only 7 or 8 years younger than me!
Giggle
Of all the rude...!

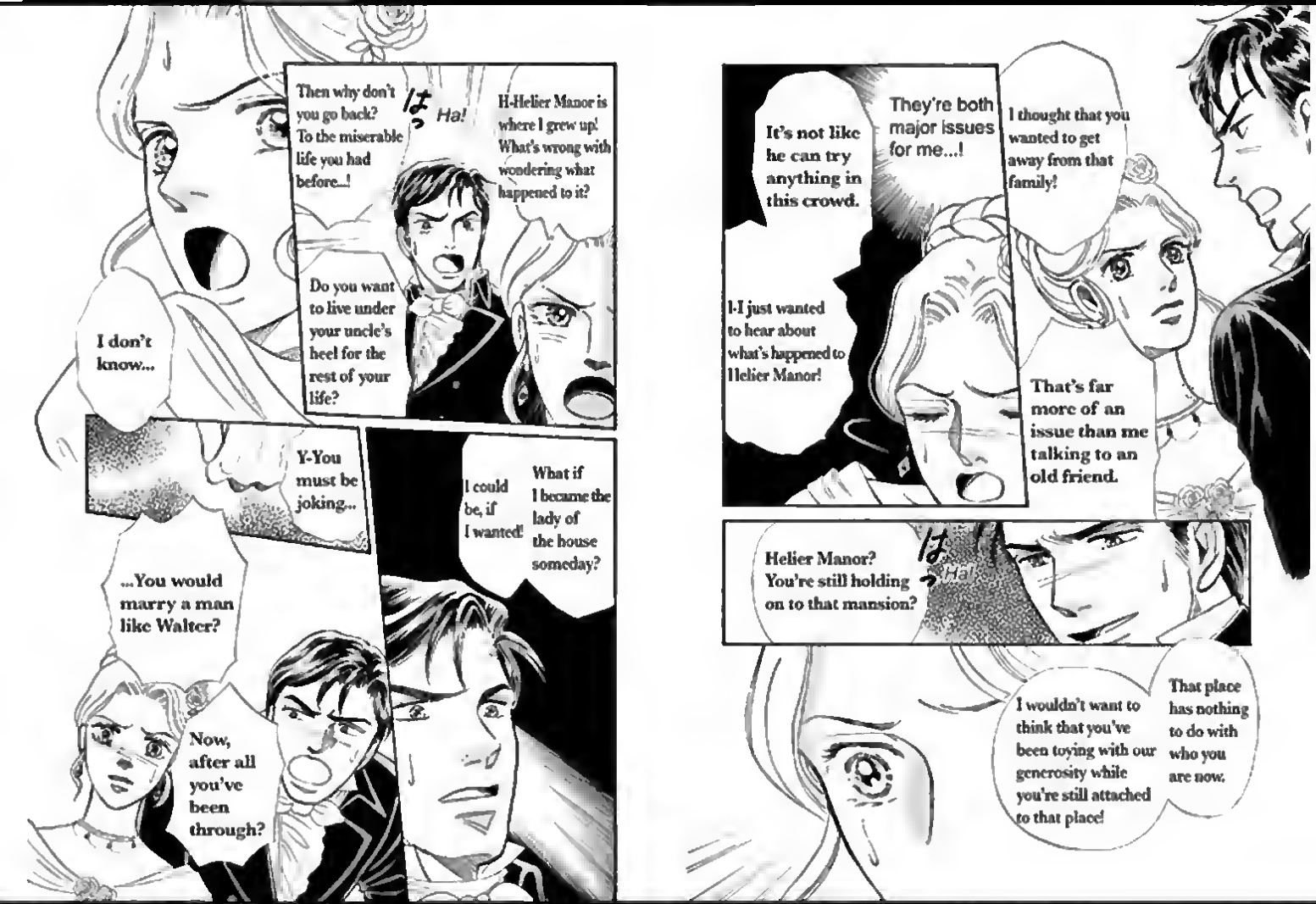
Hello, Katherine. It's been a long time.
What should I do?
Walter!
If we have dinner together...
I can't let this happen...
...and I'll be forced to the edge of the table!
Adam will fall under Julia's spell...
Despite the way we parted ways, I just wanted to say how proud I am now that you and my sister are both now debutantes.
W-What do you want?
I finally have a chance to talk to you.
You're so popular that it's difficult to get close to you.
I was looking forward to tonight's party, too.
She said it was by chance, but I know she's here for Adam.
I know
I've had to entertain so many gentlemen every night since my debut.
Finally, Adam agreed to be my partner for the evening.
I selfishly asked to spend time with someone I didn't have to put on airs for
Oh... Then would you like to join us for dinner?
I've been so lonely. I don't really know anyone here.

We were about to have dinner. Why don't you join us?
Really?
I can't let that happen!
All right, Walter.
She'll charm him into her hands, and that will be the end.
Adam...
He would make such a wonderful husband.
How can she treat him like that?
I can't believe this... It's inconceivable!
Adam...
You smile so fondly at her...
Oh, Adam!
All right, Katherine? I want to put aside the ill will and be family again. How about dinner?
Snicker.
I want to tell you about what's happening with Helier Manor.
Dinner? With you?
Why can't you understand?
Julia doesn't think of you as a partner or best friend..
Why can't you understand that she doesn't care at all about the kindness and caring that you hide behind your overconfident attitude...?
...to her, you're only a trophy to be won

My, my. This is some gathering you have here.
Ivo!
Ah, I've finally found you, Adam! Miss Payne!
I don't know if I'm fit to join you.
...both debutantes hailed as this year's finest, and their guardians.
The famous and beautiful Lady Barmeny...
We were just about to dance...
Would you like to join us, My Lord?
What modesty, Lord Trenchard! Everyone knows that you're the star of the court society!
ホホホ
Famous and beautiful...
Ah Ha Ha Ha

...and the son of Katherine's uncle is only focused on her.
For some reason, Adam is suddenly in a bad mood.
On top of that, a girl who looks just like me when I was younger is right in front of him...
Wha... Yes, all right.
Let's dance.
There's no place for me here!
Adam! I can't eat any more.
Kchak

Sorry, Walter.
Katherine... Why don't we go dancing, as well?
I-I don't know what you're talking about!
I asked first!
You never asked me to dance!
S-Stop pulling me, Adam!
I couldn't believe my ears when you asked Walter to join us for dinner.
Who are you calling shameless?
I would love the honor of being the first to dance with Lady Barmeny tonight.
Adam...
Yes?
As my friend, I hope you'll allow me a selfish request.
Oh.
What's with him?
I know about you two! Don't you have any shame? She's a married woman!
What?
Are you worried that he'll steal Lady Barmeny away from you?


Then why don't you go back? To the miserable life you had before...!
Ha!
H-Helier Manor is where I grew up! What's wrong with wondering what happened to it?
Do you want to live under your uncle's heel for the rest of your life?
I don't know...
Y-You must be joking...
I could be, if I wanted!
What if I became the lady of the house someday?
...You would marry a man like Walter?
Now, after all you've been through?
It's not like he can try anything in this crowd.
They're both major issues for me...!
I thought that you wanted to get away from that family!
I-I just wanted to hear about what's happened to Helier Manor!
That's far more of an issue than me talking to an old friend.
Helier Manor? You're still holding on to that mansion?
Ha!
I wouldn't want to think that you've been toying with our generosity while you're still attached to that place!
That place has nothing to do with who you are now.

I can't believe I said that....
Become the Lady of Heller Manor?
Was she tricked so easily by Walter over dinner?
No... She hated him...
Ivo...
Stupid Adam!
Katherine!
Many gentlemen have asked me to dance with them next.
Excuse me...! The song is over, and I'm going back inside.
Of course there's no way I would marry Walter! He can't even understand that!
I started a fight, just because I was jealous of Julia.
No, I'm the one who's stupid!

I've never been ignored like that before.
I called you several times.
What is this? I came back and Adam is focused on that girl!
Shall we dance?
I'm sorry, I was thinking.
You'd rather dance with that lanky Miss Payne than me!
Oh, don't strain yourself!
You're my best friend, but a dangerous man around women.
You never showed any interest in debutantes before now.
What are you thinking? Don't confuse her innocence any further!
...
...am!
Adam!
It's unbelievable...! Because of you, Katherine, my problems keep getting bigger...!

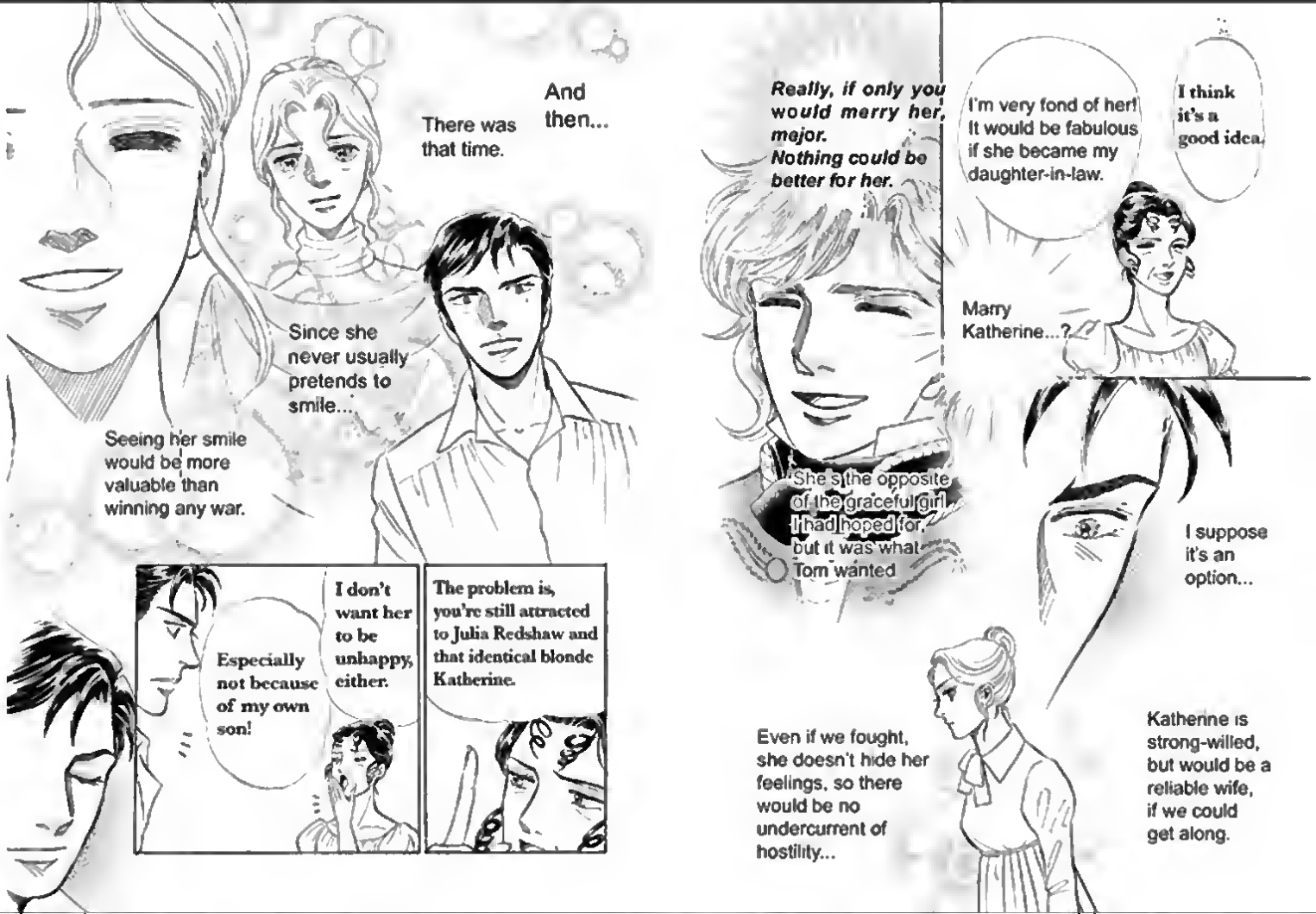
Flash
Oh, no. Did I upset him?
In the old days, he loved every up and down.
Not anymore.
He's a worthier man now, but he's less easy to control.
I-It's not true, Adam.
I just don't want to dance anymore.
What about instead...
We go somewhere quiet where we can talk, just the two of us?
Of course, but...
What would your husband say?
It's so boring living with an old man.
Our marriage was a mistake.
It's empty and I don't get anything out of it.
Stop it...!
Don't mention Barmeny!
I can't be alone anymore!
Please, Adam! I can't be happy without you.
I'm not strong, like that girl that you're looking after.
Compared to that, the summer days I spent with you were so wonderful.

Viscount Barmeny is looking after you just fine.
Your extravagant appearance says it all.
But Julia...
You can't talk like that.
I'm not the right man for you.
I doubt that even I could match him in that.
I think... that she needs me, even more than you do.
In a way... you're stronger than her.
Katherine isn't as strong as you think.
Unlike you, she doesn't have a husband to look after her fortune.

The old me would have been head over heels if Julia had said this...
What is this I'm feeling?
Katherine may take it to an extreme, but her anger is always honest.
That burst of anger... It was so unlike her usual sweet smile.
Even when I first met her, she was fighting against her hardship all by herself...
She doesn't try to show off how weak she is like this.
...and I couldn't leave her to fight alone

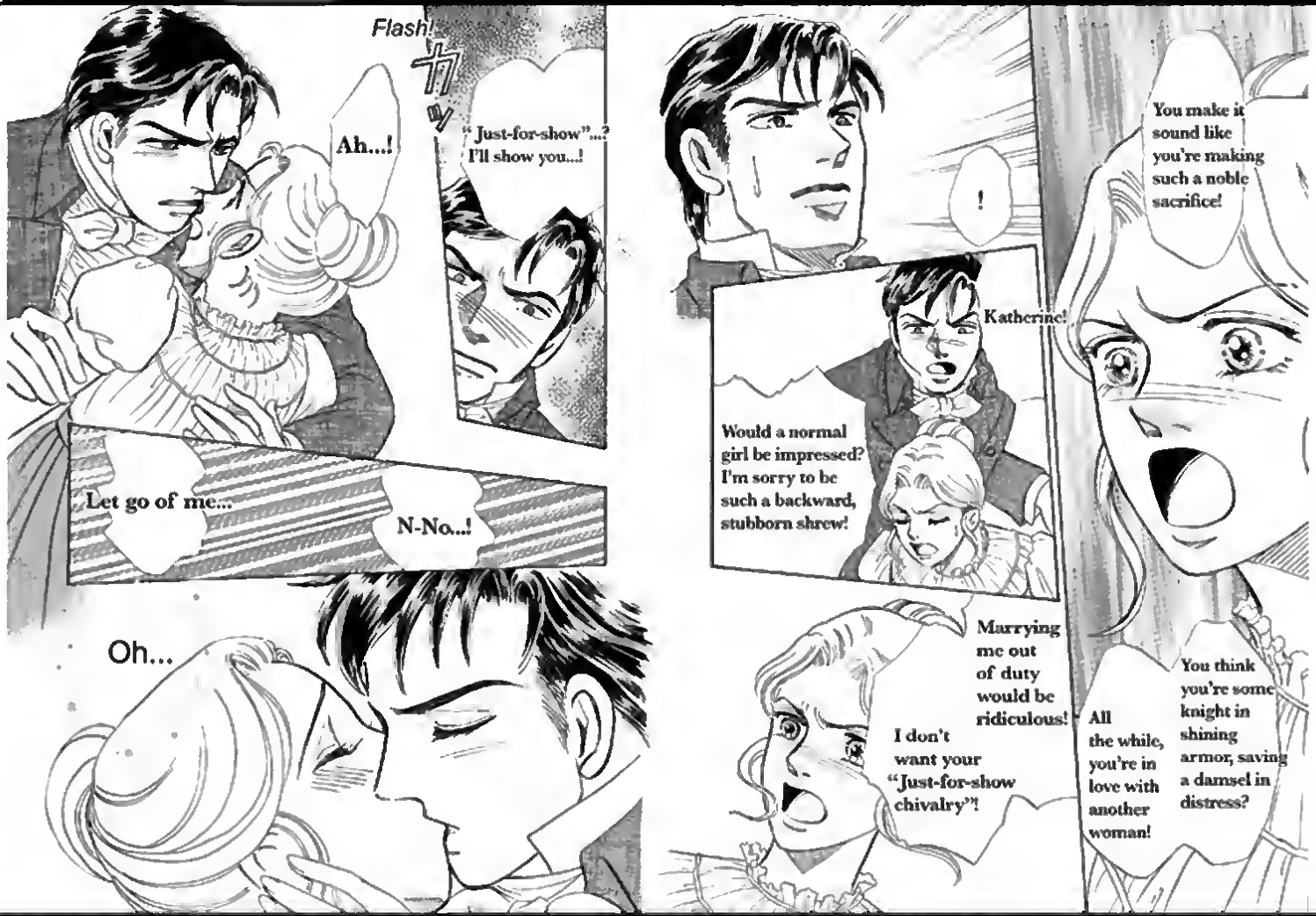
So that's Julia's true nature...
It's just as my mother said, but I could never see it before.
Katherine...
Who would want such a lanky, stubborn country girl as a wife?
Hmph. ...She'll never find a husband to protect her.
He turned me down... Me, of all people.
You're the only one who would be strange enough to think she's weaker than I am!
He cares more about her than about me...!
H-How dare you compare her to me, you arrogant...
Why don't you enjoy yourself and marry that girl?
Yes, I'm sure the high-and-mighty Lord Calthorpe would never consider a married woman!

I wish I could believe that.
She'll be unhappy if she chooses either one of them.
As for Walter, Katherine is a smart girl. She won't let her guard down.
Well, Ivo may be a playboy, but he's a good man.
Blast...! I have to find a way to protect her.
If I died, I wouldn't be able to face Tom.
Then why don't you marry her?
Smile
Oh, my, Adam
Is that why your eyes are red? You couldn't sleep?
This is bad... This is very bad...
Ivo... Walter...
Ivo is still dancing with her?
Katherine doesn't seem displeased.
I have to protect Katherine's innocence from them!


And then...
There was that time.
Since she never usually pretends to smile...
Seeing her smile would be more valuable than winning any war.
Especially not because of my own son!
I don't want her to be unhappy, either.
The problem is, you're still attracted to Julia Redshaw and that identical blonde Katherine.
Really, if only you would marry her, major. Nothing could be better for her.
She's the opposite of the graceful girl I had hoped for, but it was what Tom wanted
I'm very fond of her! It would be fabulous if she became my daughter-in-law.
I think it's a good idea.
Marry Katherine...?
I suppose it's an option...
Even if we fought, she doesn't hide her feelings, so there would be no undercurrent of hostility...
Katherine is strong-willed, but would be a reliable wife, if we could get along.

Adam?
The master has asked you to come to the library.
Oh, I wish I could go and take care of her.
Knock Knock
Excuse me, Miss Katherine.
You wanted to see me?
Hello, Katherine. Please have a seat.
Tilly! I hope she's all right by herself.
I've been thinking about what we talked about last night.
I can't imagine that you could be happy if you married Walter.
What?
Cough
Katherine, I'm sorry I haven't been able to write.
I've been ill since spring and it's still difficult to even write a letter.
I hope you're taking care of yourself.
I've made up my mind. I'll marry Katherine.
Don't worry. I think of those women as in the past.
What?
It's the best solution.

...
Y-You didn't actually believe me, did you?
Unbelievable... I was even thinking of marrying you to keep you from ruining things...
Blurted it out? I worried all night because you blurted it out?
It just blurted it out because you were being so unreasonable...
...but just to keep his promise to Tom.
Not out of love, or affection...
Just to keep me from marrying one of them?
He was going to ask me to marry him?
I...
W-Wait a minute! What are you talking about?
Clack
And about Ivo...
You may like him...
...but I can't recommend him in good conscience because of my promise with Tom.
That can't be!
Ivo aside, last night you said clearly you could become the Lady of Helier Manor!
But..
I don't have any special feelings for Lord Trenchard, and I would never marry the likes of Walter!


Flash!
Ah...!
"Just-for-show"...?
I'll show you...!
Let go of me...
N-No...!
Oh...
!
Katherine!
Would a normal girl be impressed? I'm sorry to be such a backward, stubborn shrew!
Marrying me out of duty would be ridiculous!
I don't want your "Just-for-show chivalry"!
You make it sound like you're making such a noble sacrifice!
All the while, you're in love with another woman!
You think you're some knight in shining armor, saving a damsel in distress?

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You...!
He smirked...! Did he think he won, because I let him do what he wanted?
Then what would you have me do? Should I not say or do anything and let them have their way with me?
You...! I told you when we first met, that it's dangerous to strike a man!
Katherine...
...Do you still reject me?
I have to refuse him...
I should push him away...
I can't... Adam's kiss is like sweet poison, I can't feel anything else...
Say yes... Marry me!
SLAP!

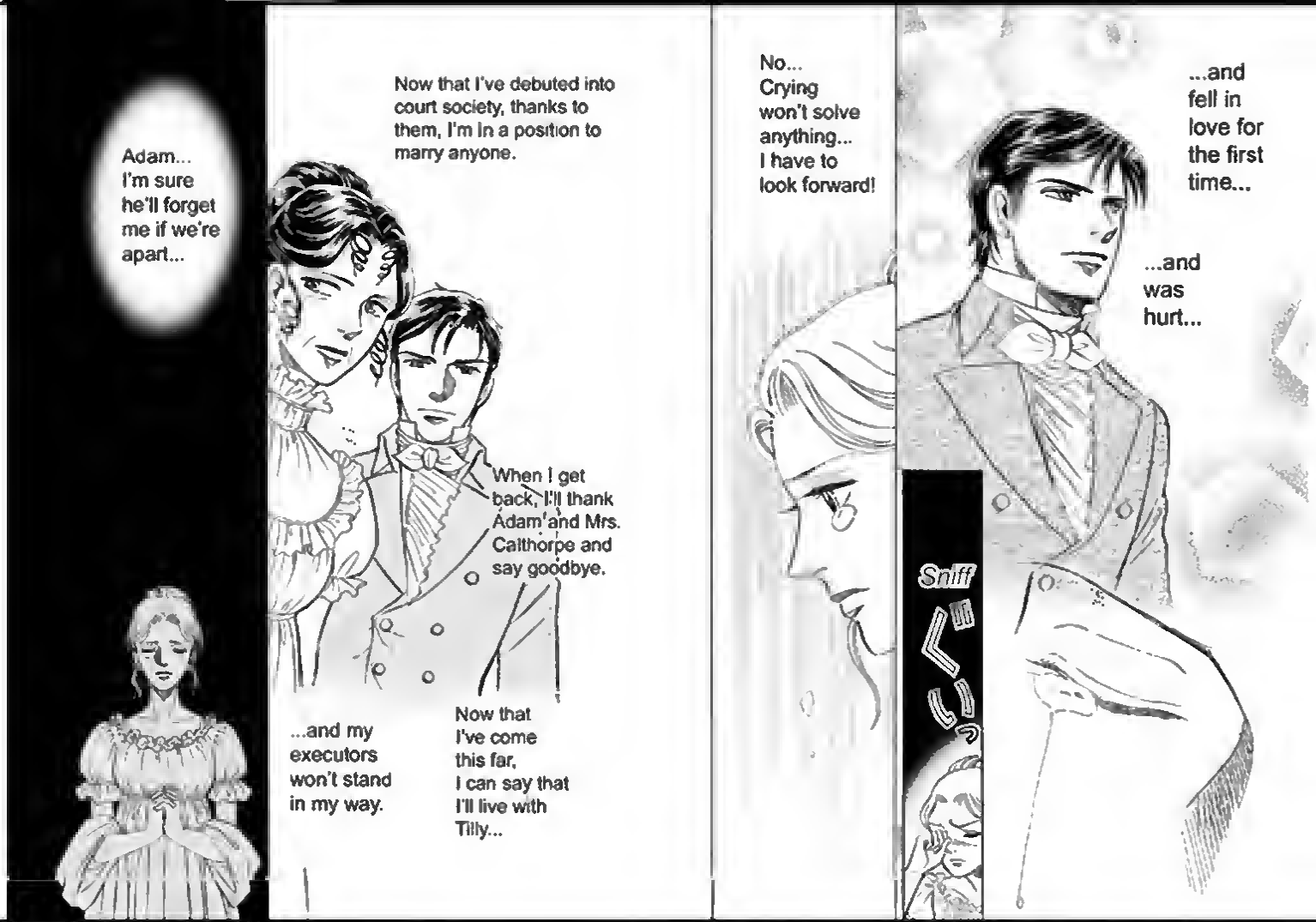
Blast!
I wasn't able to get close to Kate again last night because of that accursed Calthorpe.
I can't do it! My instincts are telling me that I'd never be happy!
You don't care about how I feel...!
Isn't that right? What's the difference between you and Walter?
I-I have their way with you...?
I hate you both!
Katherine!
Oh, Adam...! I really wouldn't care what the reason was...
If you had asked me, I would have wanted to instantly say, yes...

It was an honor to be able to share a table with someone so beautiful last night.
You're too kind.
Lady Barmeny.
He only seemed interested in Katherine last night.
Hmph. Liar.
Oh, yes... I'm very happy for Miss Payne. The one who isn't your sister.
Excuse me?
Oh, you don't know? I'm an old friend of Lord Calthorpe, and he told me last night.
He was so passionate about protecting her!
There's no way Miss Payne would turn down someone who can look after her like that.
He's going to propose to Miss Payne.
Your sister almost has a proposal from the wealthy Lord Atlson...!
When are you going to get that girl?
Some skill you turned out to have, Walter.
Don't forget that we need the shrew's inheritence to cover the cost of your sister's debut!
Ah!
Clatter Clatter
I know that if I can't marry Katherine, we'll be in debt forever!
Father... Always making it sound so easy
Lady Barmeny!
Oh, you're...

It's the middle of the night!
I can't believe she left.
Adam! Do you know what could have caused this?
...
I'm sorry! We've tried all of her associates, but no one knows...!
What about the hotels?
We asked them all, of course.
She turned down my marriage proposal...
She said marrying her out of duty was ridiculous.
Y-You used "duty" in your proposal?
How could you be so stupid? A marriage proposal isn't like planning a military strategy.
Of course she would be hurt by a proposal like that!
She's right... I was stupid.
Hmph! Serves you right!
I hope you're deeply hurt that country girl rejected you.
Nice talking to you! I have to be going.
Tap
Tap
Miss Katherine!
Miss Katherine?

At that moment, I believed that she was the one for me.
That's why I smirked at her.
She must have thought that it was a contemptuous laugh.
We found a coachman who said he drove Miss Katherine!
It's not true, Katherine...! ! have to make things right with her.
Mistress! Master!
Il came es e shock to me, and before I knew it, I had pulled her lips to mine.
I thought she would accept my proposal until the moment she hit me.
The passionate response she gave...
I'm sure I wasn't the only one who lost myself in the moment.
It was perfect end more sensual than anything ever before...
...It was the same after our first dance

I can't be responsible for wearing you out when I came to look after you.
Now, it's time for you to get some sleep, Tilly.
It's nothing, really.
Everything changed so much in the last six months.
Then I left Helier Manor...
I was so secluded knowing nothing about the world...
Trained to be a lady and a debutante into court society
I was sorry that I left without telling Mrs. Calthorpe...
...but I didn't think that Adam would let me come here by myself.
But...
It's all right, Tilly.
I left a letter with the coachman, saying where I am.
I wanted time to think, by myself.
What happened, Katherine?


Adam... I'm sure he'll forget me if we're apart...
Now that I've debuted into court society, thanks to them, I'm in a position to marry anyone.
When I get back, I'll thank Adam and Mrs. Calthorpe and say goodbye.
...and my executors won't stand in my way.
Now that I've come this far, I can say that I'll live with Tilly...
No... Crying won't solve anything... I have to look forward!
...and fell in love for the first time...
...and was hurt...
Sniff
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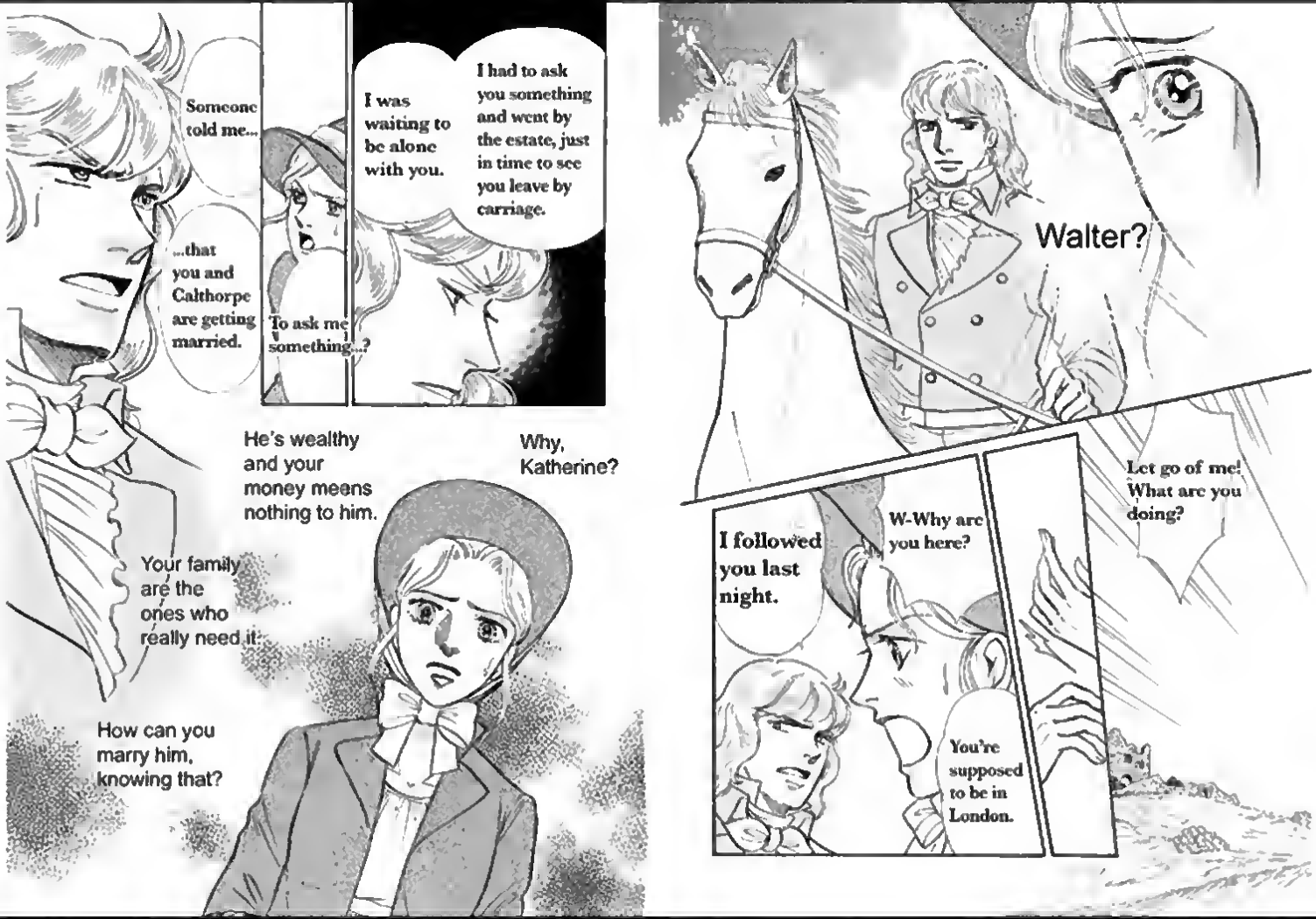
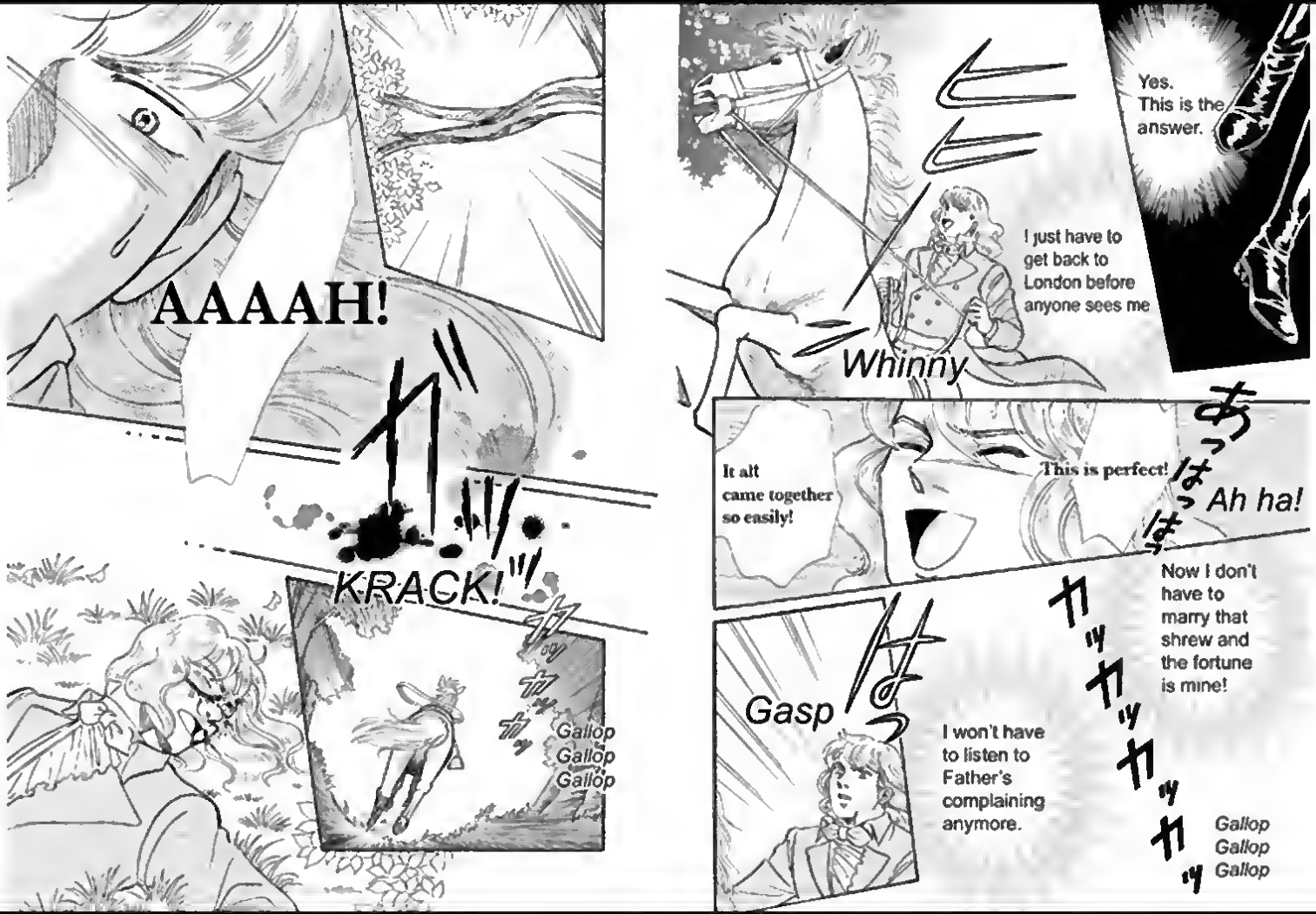
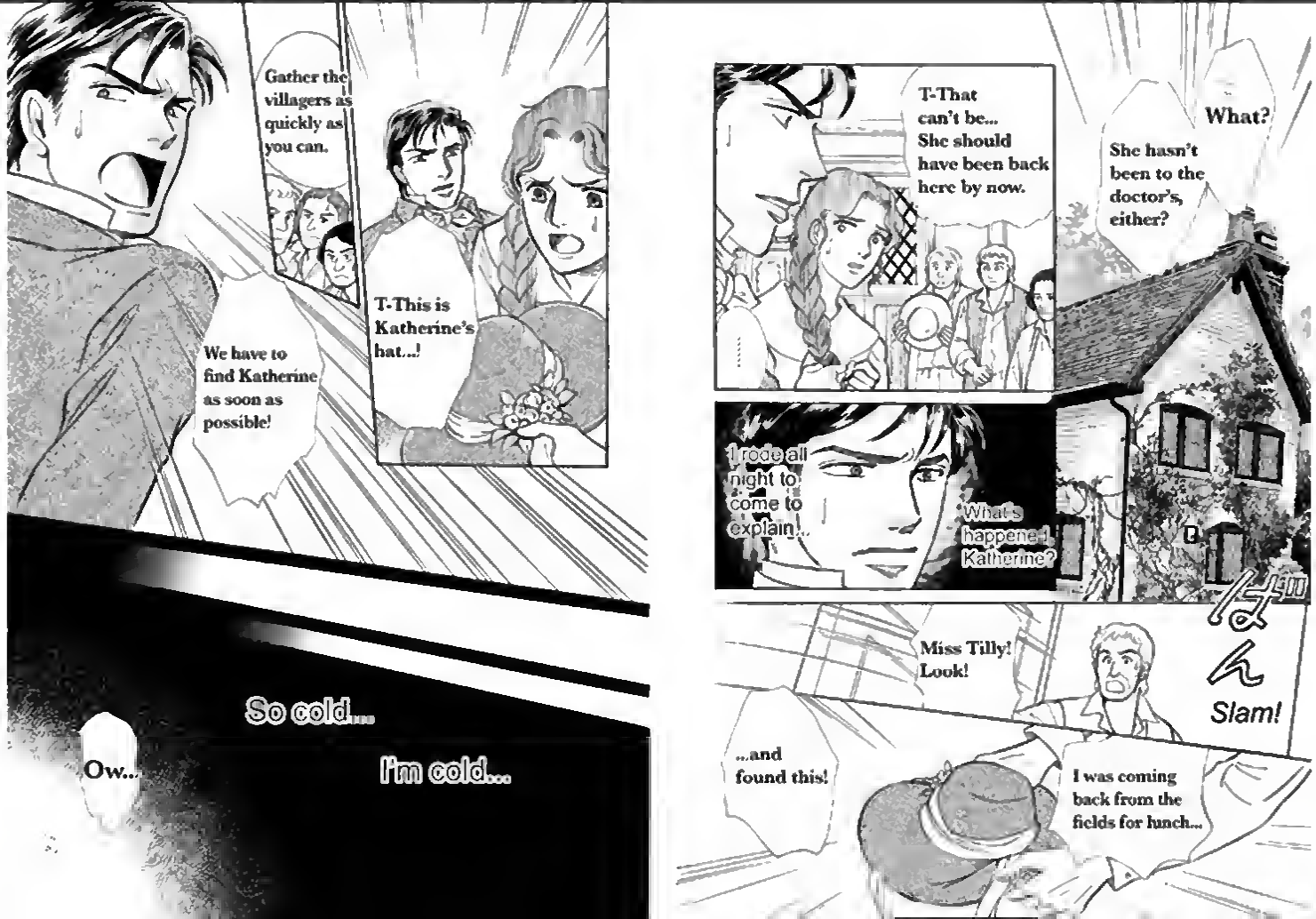
It's where I first met Adam.
That hill...
I'm sure...
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
I'm sorry to have you running my errands, Katherine.
Hey
Good morning, Miss Katherine. When did you get back?
Click
It's all right, Tilly. I'll go pick up fresh eggs and milk.
Good morning. Just last night.
Oh, and medicine, of course.
Hey there... Welcome back, Katherine.
Whinny


Someone told me...
...that you and Calthorpe are getting married.
To ask me something...?
I was waiting to be alone with you.
I had to ask you something and went by the estate, just in time to see you leave by carriage.
Why, Katherine?
He's wealthy and your money means nothing to him.
Your family are the ones who really need it.
How can you marry him, knowing that?
Walter?
Let go of me! What are you doing?
W-Why are you here?
I followed you last night.
You're supposed to be in London.

You're going to run straight back to Calthorpe!
I...
Your eyes. You weren't even considering it.
...Hmph... I knew it.
I won't let you!
I'll make you say yes!
If I have to, I'll make you mine right here!
No matter what it takes!
I'll have to...
Still, it would be dangerous to refuse him here
Please, Katherine. If you'll just marry me, I won't ever lay a hand on you.
What a wretched man. He's insane!
D-Don't worry...
I don't plan to marry Adam.
Irk
Then you could be the Lady of Helier Manor again.
You could marry me instead.
And Helier Manor is appealing... I-I'll think about it when I get home.
What are you doing?
Wait...!
Grab

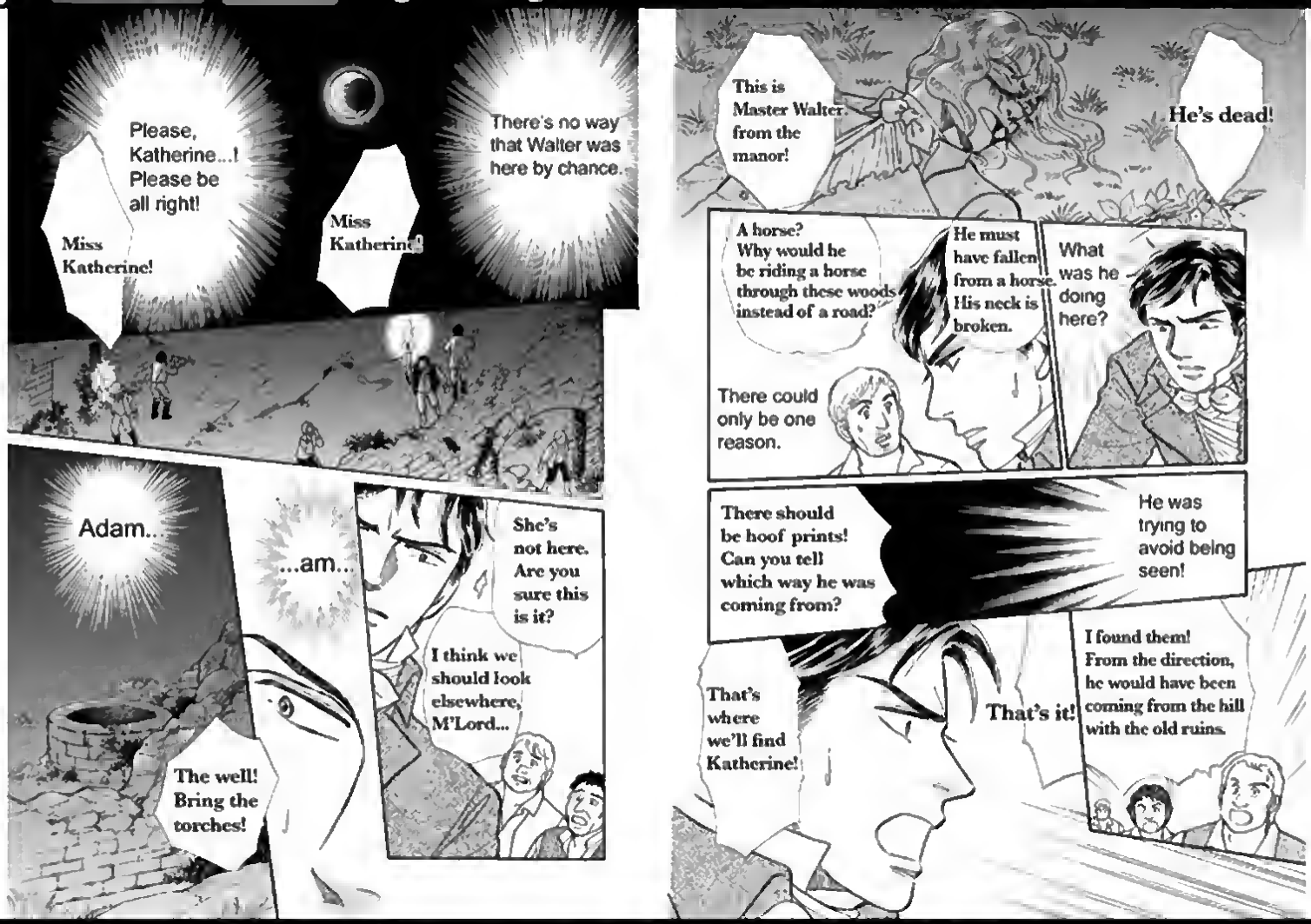
K-Katherine!
Katherine!
Is she... dead...?
Ha... Ha ha!
Even if she were still alive somehow, it's only a matter of time!
No one will come to this old well to help you!
AIIEEE
Chuckle.
You're going to be mine!
Give up, Katherine...
D-Don't get any closer!
N-No!
Kchunk


AAAAH!
KRACK!!!
Gallop
Gallop
Gallop
Whinny
I just have to get back to London before anyone sees me
Yes. This is the answer.
It all came together so easily!
This is perfect!
あっはっはっ Ah ha!
Gasp
I won't have to listen to Father's complaining anymore.
Now I don't have to marry that shrew and the fortune is mine!
Gallop
Gallop
Gallop

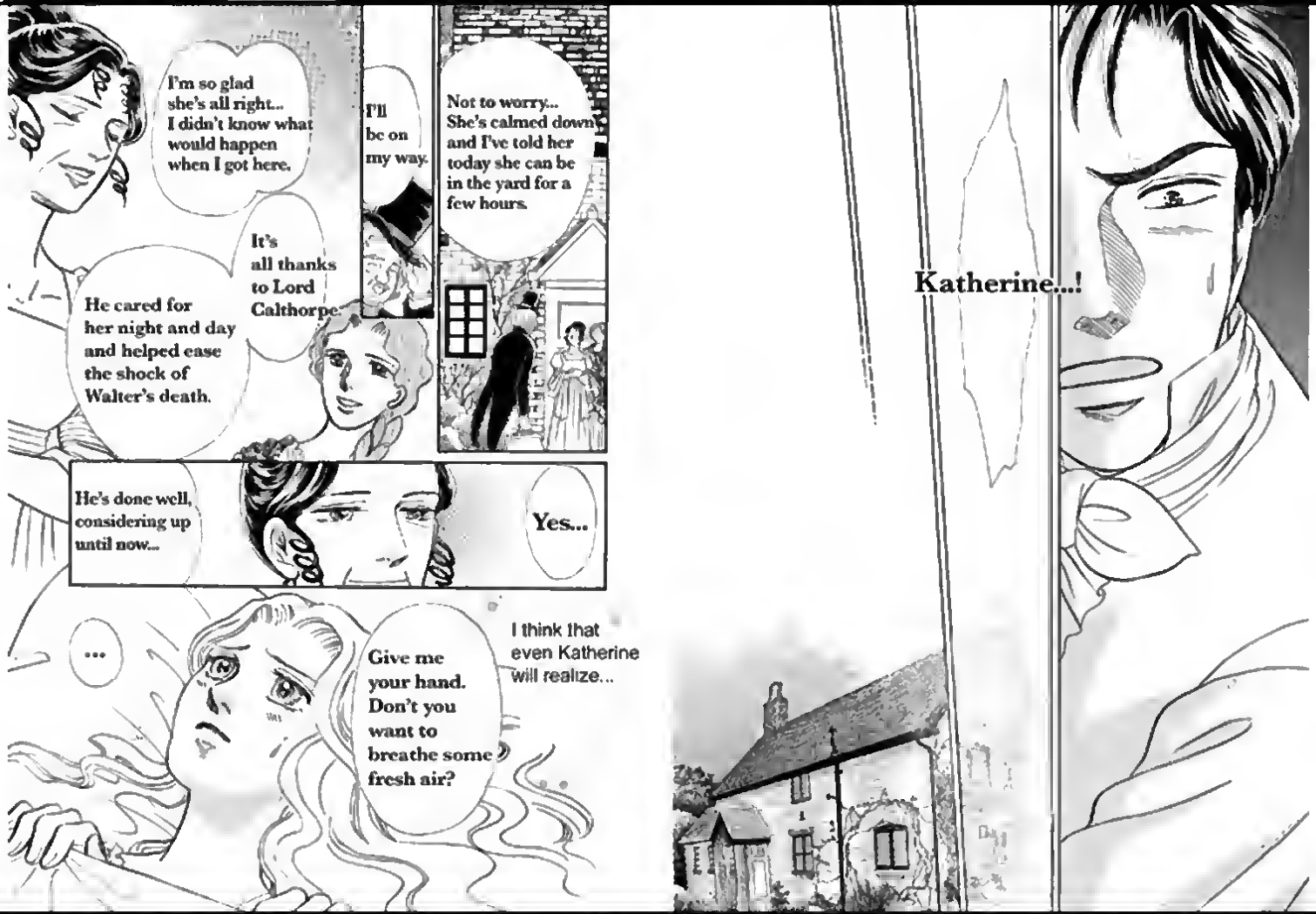

Gather the villagers as quickly as you can.
We have to find Katherine as soon as possible!
T-This is Katherine's hat...!
So cold...
Ow...
I'm cold...
T-That can't be... She should have been back here by now.
What?
She hasn't been to the doctor's, either?
I rode all night to come to explain!..
What's happened, Katherine?
Miss Tilly! Look!
Slam!
...and found this!
I was coming back from the fields for lunch...

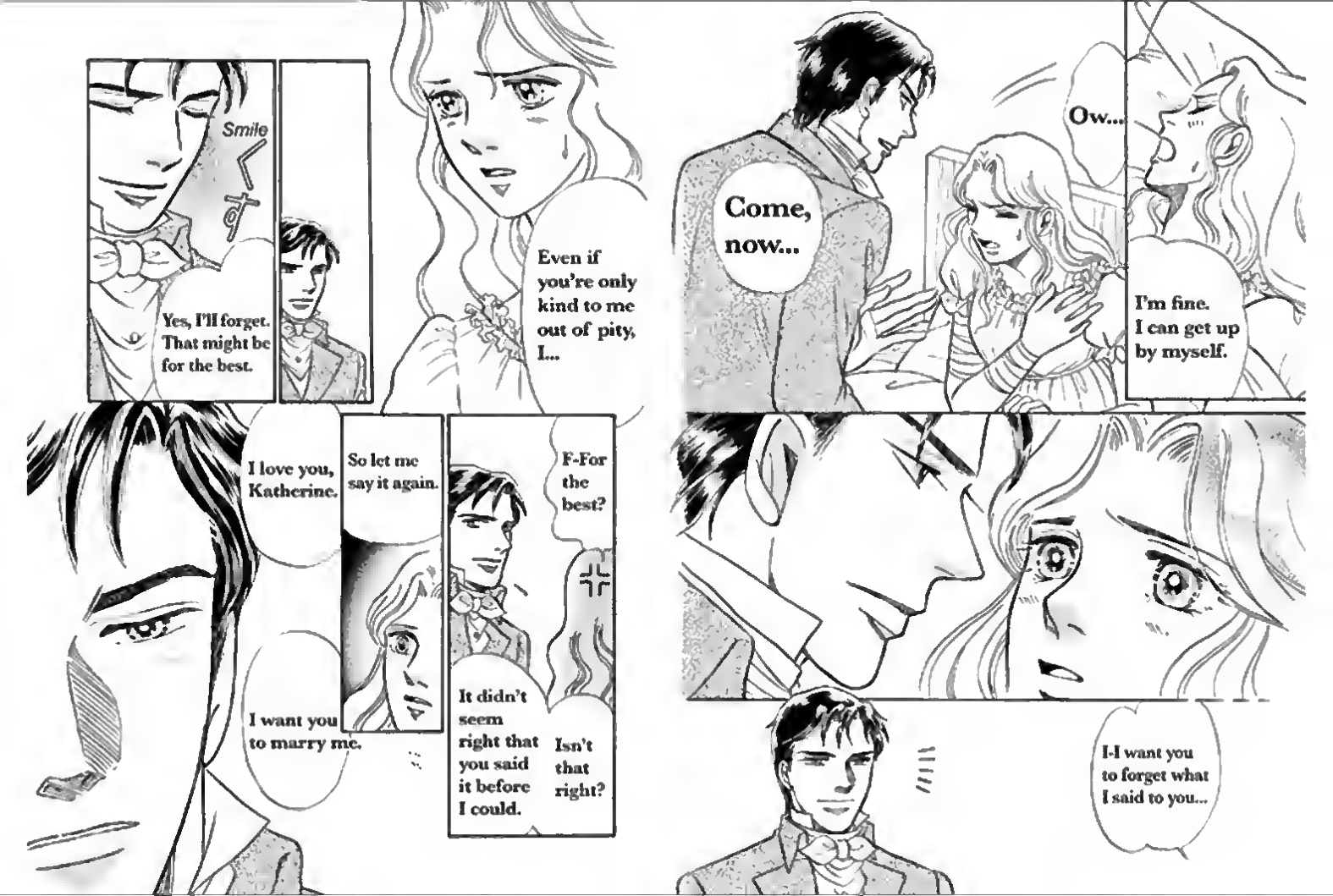
Flash
Pant
Pant
Ah...
Grab
I have to see Adam... One last time...
I refuse to die...!
What is that?
Where are you, Miss Payne?
Miss Katherine!

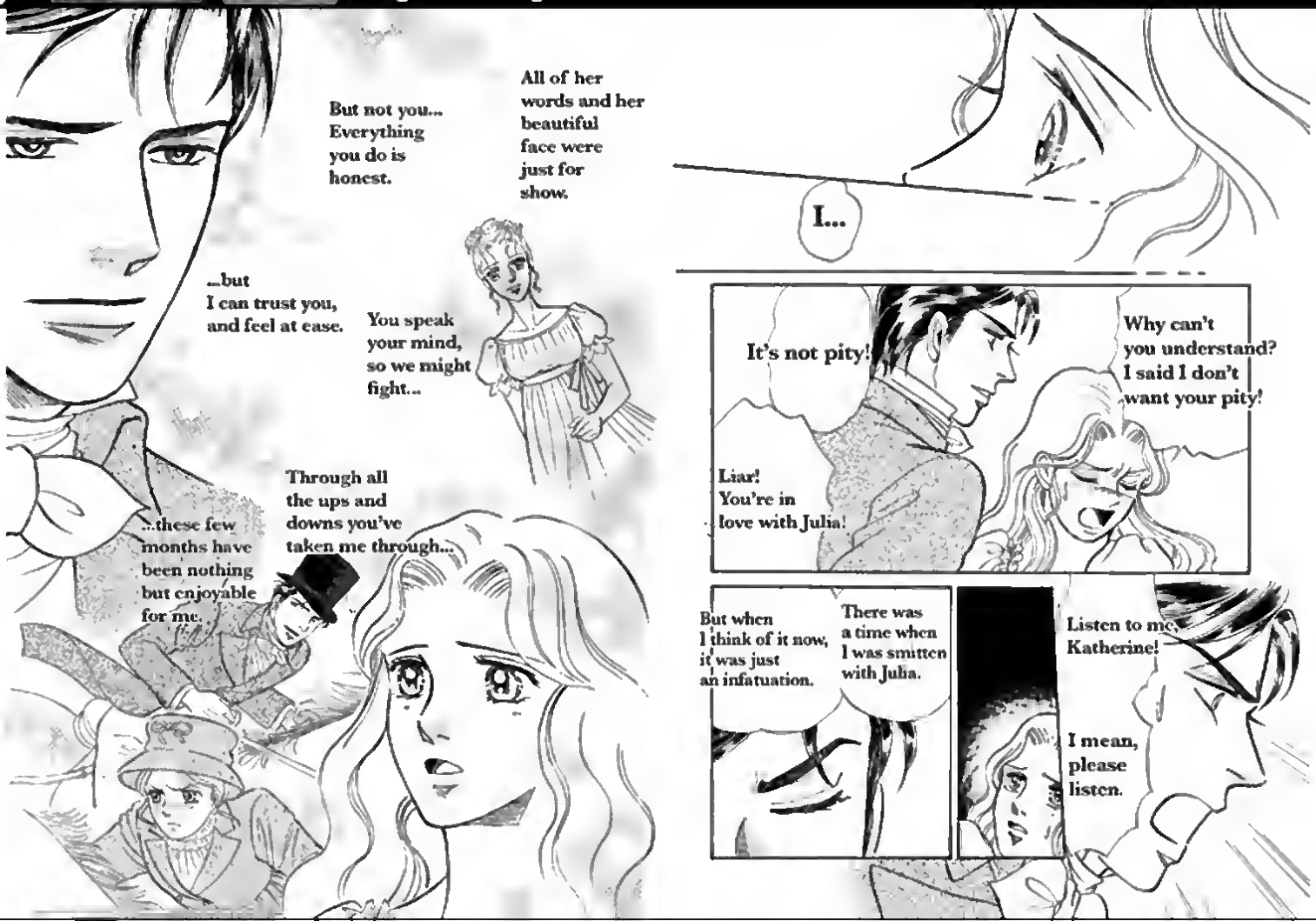
...am...
Adam.
Am I... going to die in this place...?
I can't stand... It hurts when I try to speak.
How could I have been so stupid to give up on him...?
I can't stand it...!
No... I can't believe it...
I can't believe I can never tell him that I love him.
I can't believe I'll never see him again.

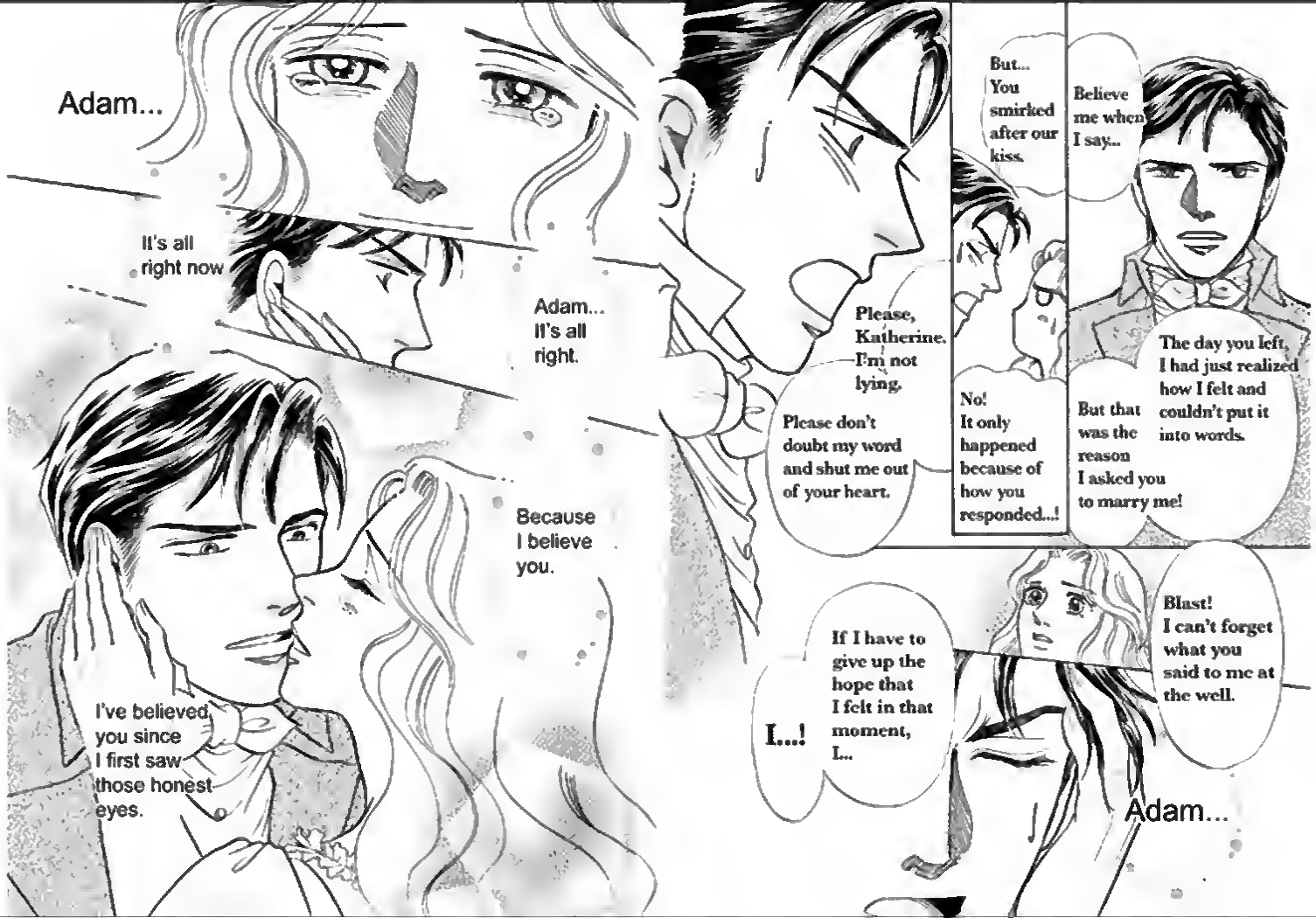

Please, Katherine...! Please be all right!
Miss Katherine!
Miss Katherine!
There's no way that Walter was here by chance.
Adam..
...am..
The well! Bring the torches!
She's not here. Are you sure this is it?
I think we should look elsewhere, M'Lord...
This is Master Walter. from the manor!
He's dead!
A horse? Why would he be riding a horse through these woods instead of a road?
He must have fallen from a horse. His neck is broken.
There could only be one reason.
What was he doing here?
There should be hoof prints! Can you tell which way he was coming from?
He was trying to avoid being seen!
That's where we'll find Katherine!
That's it!
I found them! From the direction, he would have been coming from the hill with the old ruins.

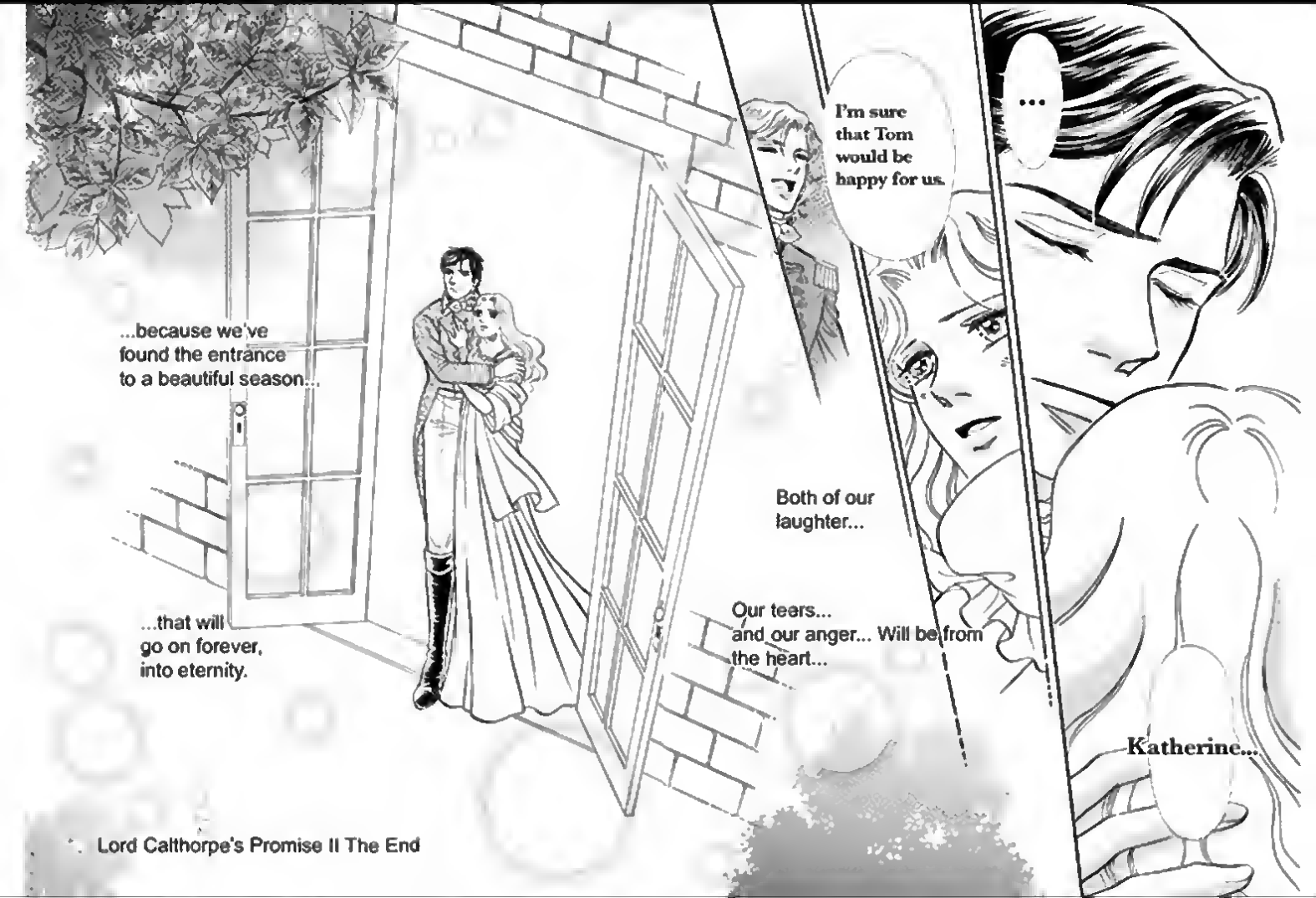
Hold on! I'm coming!
わっ
Hooray!
Katherine!
I can see him again...
A...dam...
Thank you...
I love you, Adam...
Katherine...
It's too dark to see anything.
It couldn't be...
I-In there?
Katherine... Please...
I-I'm here, Adam. I'm here...!
Ngh...
A-Adam...!
Ur...
If you're alive, answer me!


I'm so glad she's all right... I didn't know what would happen when I got here.
I'll be on my way.
Not to worry... She's calmed down and I've told her today she can be in the yard for a few hours.
It's all thanks to Lord Calthorpe.
He cared for her night and day and helped ease the shock of Walter's death.
He's done well, considering up until now...
Yes...
...
Give me your hand. Don't you want to breathe some fresh air?
I think that even Katherine will realize...
Katherine...!


Smile
Yes, I'll forget. That might be for the best.
Even if you're only kind to me out of pity, I...
I love you, Katherine.
So let me say it again.
I want you to marry me.
F-For the best?
It didn't seem right that you said it before I could.
Isn't that right?
Come, now...
Ow...
I'm fine. I can get up by myself.
I-I want you to forget what I said to you...


But not you... Everything you do is honest.
All of her words and her beautiful face were just for show.
...but I can trust you, and feel at ease.
You speak your mind, so we might fight...
Through all the ups and downs you've taken me through...
...these few months have been nothing but enjoyable for me.
I...
It's not pity!
Why can't you understand? I said I don't want your pity!
Liar! You're in love with Julia!
But when I think of it now, it was just an infatuation.
There was a time when I was smitten with Julia.
Listen to me, Katherine!
I mean, please listen.


Adam...
It's all right now
Adam... It's all right.
Because I believe you.
I've believed you since I first saw those honest eyes.
Please, Katherine. I'm not lying.
Please don't doubt my word and shut me out of your heart.
But... You smirked after our kiss.
No! It only happened because of how you responded...!
Believe me when I say...
The day you left, I had just realized how I felt and couldn't put it into words.
But that was the reason I asked you to marry me!
Blast! I can't forget what you said to me at the well.
If I have to give up the hope that I felt in that moment, I...
I...!
Adam...


...because we've found the entrance to a beautiful season...
...that will go on forever, into eternity.
I'm sure that Tom would be happy for us.
...
Both of our laughter...
Our tears... and our anger... Will be from the heart...
Katherine...

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